

CPN Veterans Organization heavily involved in visit's success

## Vietnam Wall visit honors veterans

**SHAWNEE, Okla.** — Those who died in service during the Vietnam War might have been spared the condemnation received by many who returned to the states throughout the war's duration and at its conclusion, but their more than 58,000 names inscribed on the Moving Wall help bring honor to all veterans today. "I never realized there were so many," Ramona Copeland, Shawnee, said. "It's worth seeing the Wall just to realize how many lost their lives. It gives you chills to think that many lost their lives."

Copeland and husband, Charles, a veteran himself, visited the Wall during its mid-August visit to Shawnee. They were there partly out of curiosity but mostly out of respect, she said. "I just wanted to see it; it's something I always wanted to see," she said. "They had it here 13 years ago but I didn't get to see it then. I tried to read the names but there's just so many — way too many."

Members and leaders of the CPN Veterans Organization were heavily involved in the event. They conducted a respectful, moving flag retirement ceremony



*CPN Veterans Organization member Clyde Yates retires an American flag during a ceremony that accompanied the Moving Vietnam Memorial Wall visit to Shawnee.*

on the evening of Wednesday, August 19, a few dozen yards away from where the Wall would be erected the next day.

On Thursday, August 20, Michael Abel, vice commander of the CPNVO, led a

motorcycle escort of the Moving Wall from north Shawnee to the viewing site in Woodland/Veterans Memorial Park in downtown. And, the organization operated a concession stand that was open through-

out the event.

Friday, August 21 was the first of four days the Moving Wall was available to visitors in Shawnee.

The day began with a reflection on the sacrifices given by the men and women who served and included speeches filled with words of honor and respect. At the conclusion of the opening ceremonies, an emotional David Boardman, DAV Chapter 54 commander, said he was pleased with the turnout. "It's super; it's been great," Boardman said. Tom Smith, DAV Chapter 54 member, agreed with Boardman. "It's all coming together," he said. "If we get a chance to do it again, we will. It's been a fantastic turnout and our volunteers should be thanked. It takes something special to stay 24 hours, overnight, to keep the fire burning and guard the Wall."

Rep. Kris Steele, R-Shawnee, spoke during the opening ceremony and later said the presence of the Moving Wall at Woodland Veterans Park was "an extraordinary event for Shawnee and a tremendous way to honor our veterans. It's appropriate that it's here, in a park that we recently renamed for veterans," Steele said. "It's an incredible tribute to the men and women who made these sacrifices for us. We appreciate DAV Chapter 54 for working so hard to bring this to our community. They deserve a lot of credit."

While visitors walked silently along the length of the wall, some looking for specific names and others taking in the enormity of it all, items of remembrance began to appear at various locations on the ground below the names of those killed in action. The items left behind, which were collect-

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# Walking On

Leonard Kime



Shawnee resident Leonard Kime, 78, passed away on Wednesday, July 29, 2009 in Shawnee. He was born September 7, 1930 in Tribbey, Oklahoma, the son of Albert Franklin "Frank" and Ada Catherine "Kate" (Melvin) Kime. He grew up in Tribbey, attending school there and

graduating from Tribbey High School. He met his wife in Shawnee. On February 13, 1954, he married Mavis N. Roundtree in Pontotoc County. Following their marriage, they resided in Shawnee, where they raised their family.

Mr. Kime served in the U.S. Army. He worked as a welder at Tinker Air Force Base until his retirement. He was a deacon and long-standing member of the Temple Baptist Church. He was inducted in 1976 as Worshipful Master to the Shawnee Composite Lodge #523, and was a 32nd degree Mason with the McAlester Consistory.

Leonard was an avid gardener who loved sharing his crop with his neighbors. He had an inspiring work ethic that his family strives to emulate. As a mechanic and a welder, Leonard was always happy for a chance to work with his hands and stayed with a task until it was completed.

A man full of integrity and love, he daily lived out his walk with his Lord and faithfully stayed in the Word. If he wasn't enjoying the outdoors, you might find him listening to Gospel or Bluegrass music, fishing with his grandkids, or finding an old lawnmower to tear apart and rebuild. Leonard never refused an opportunity to

help someone in need.

He was preceded in death by a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Billy Matthews; his parents; two brothers, Wesley and Ed Kime; and two sisters, Catherine Melott and Hazel Rice.

Survivors include his wife, Mavis Kime, of the home; son and daughter-in-law, David and Debbie Jordan-Kime of Magna, Utah; daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Brent Wojahn of Portland, Oregon; 14 grandchildren, Samantha McBride and her husband, Jason, Sherri Matthews, Jeff Kime and his wife Brittany, Neal Wojahn, Amanda Wojahn, Brian Wojahn, Jason Jordan, Anthony Jordan, Leah Stitt, Michelle Jordan, Linda Jordan, Marcie Jordan, Sarah Jordan, and Rachel Jordan; three great-grandchildren (with a fourth due in October); and many friends and other family members.

A funeral service was held at 10 a.m. on Monday, August 3, 2009 at Temple Baptist Church with Bro. Mike Craig officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Cooper Funeral Home of Tecumseh. To share memories, or to sign the guest book online, go to [www.cooper-funeral.com](http://www.cooper-funeral.com).

The family has designated the Temple Baptist Church Building Fund as appropriate for memorials.

## J.B. 'Chief' Bruno

J.B. 'Chief' Bruno, aged 79, died August 10, 2009 at his home in Great Bend, Kansas with his children and grandchildren at his bedside. He was born August 5, 1930 on the Bruno home place near Sacred Heart, Oklahoma. His parents were Johnnie and Beatrice (Casteel) Bruno, and his grandparents were Mose and Francis Bruno.

J.B. was Citizen Potawatomi from the Brunos and Sac and Fox from the McKinneys, his mother's family. He married Mary Jane Anthony on March 1, 1952 at Ellinwood, Kansas. She died on July 12, 2001, and had lived her entire life in Barton County, Kansas. J.B. worked in the oilfield in and around Great Bend, Kansas for many years. He retired from Chief Drilling Company some years ago, where he had worked for 25 years as an oil field



truck driver. He earned the nickname Chief both because he worked for Chief Drilling Company and because, as a Native American working in the oilfield around Great Bend at that time, he was a rarity.

He was a veteran of the United States Army, and spent part of his service time as a medic at the Fitzsimmons Military Hospital in Denver, Colorado. He was a member of the Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, American Legion Argonne Post 180, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111, all of Great Bend, and the Disabled American Veterans.

J.B. was known by friends and family for his sense of duty to family and his wonderful sense of humor. He could make people laugh at themselves and loved a good joke even if it was on himself. He collected old coins and loved an occasional trip to Las Vegas. Even though he had lived in Kansas for many years, he was an avid OU fan and never missed watching a televised game. He especially enjoyed attending his grandsons' and great-grandsons' wrestling matches.

J.B. is survived by his son, Vincent, and his wife Elizabeth; two daughters, Terri Klein and her husband Michael of Great Bend and Sharon and her husband Steve of Junction City, Kansas; four sisters, Ruby Withrow and Teresa Hudson of Shawnee, Oklahoma, Bobbie Shawn of Follett, Texas, and Jenny Winsor of Cyril, Oklahoma; 12 grandchildren; and 17

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great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mildred Flynn and Dorothy Hammons, and one son-in-law Michael Vanaman.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. at the Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend with Father Reginald A. Urban officiating. Burial was at the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood, Kansas, with military rites conducted by a Fort Riley Kansas Honor Guard.

### Florence Foster



Genaro Molina / Los Angeles Times

*After blowing the whistle on fraudulent practices at Northrop Corp., Florence Foster began promoting her Native American culture. She rode Countrywide's "First Americans" float in the 2001 Rose Parade.*

Florence Foster, an electronics technician who blew the whistle on a tiny Los Angeles-area outpost of Northrop Corp., which led to a massive criminal case involving the falsification of tests on cruise missiles, has died. She was 68.

Foster died July 30 of renal failure at a Covina hospital, said her daughter, Jolene C. Vargas.

After becoming one of about 30 employees in 1983 at a small division of Northrop, located in El Monte and then Pomona, Foster quickly knew "something was terribly wrong," she told The Los Angeles Times several years later.

Worried that nuclear weapons with faulty guidance systems destined for the Air Force "could be the start of World War III," Foster mustered the courage to speak up about what she witnessed at Northrop's Western Services Department, she said in a 1989 Times interview.

To her, much about the Northrop operation seemed out-of-kilter with mainstream aerospace industry practices, including the use of wires without date codes, a standard procedure that allows scientists to trace their origin.

On her first day, Foster had been appalled by employees in an electronics clean room smoking cigarettes and eating at workstations.

"I hadn't seen this kind of work being done in the aerospace industry," said Foster, whose experience reached back to the late 1960s.

When she voiced her concerns to her supervisor, Clarence Gonsalves, he told her "that if I just did my work like everybody else, we would get along," Foster said in the 1989 Times article.

Eventually, Gonsalves would plead guilty to overseeing the falsification of tests on cruise missiles and be sentenced to three years in prison.

But first, Foster had to find someone who would listen to her allegations. She had called the FBI, but the agency dismissed her complaints as "sour grapes" because she had been injured on the job, she told The Times in 1989.

A nephew in the Air National Guard intervened, arranging a meeting with agents from the Air Force's Office of Special Investigations. She invited two co-workers to meet with government agents at her Baldwin Park home.

It was the first of many such meetings in 1987 that two years later led the Department of Justice to file criminal charges against Northrop and three of its officials, including Gonsalves.

Northrop shut down the El Monte facility in 1987 and acknowledged that the operation was not following company procedures. In 1990, Northrop pleaded guilty to 34 felony counts of fraud in the case and paid fines of \$17 million.

Unlike her two co-workers, Foster chose not to file a civil suit against Northrop. Phil Benson, a lawyer who represented one of the whistle-blowers, said the "spirited" Foster had a "hands-down sense of right and wrong."

She was born Florence Darlene Castaneda on September 16, 1940, in Wapato, Washington, the fifth of 10 children of Rhodie Rose Shincis and Frank Acosta, a farmer.

Foster was a direct descendant of Abram B. Burnett, a 19th-century chief of the Potawatomi tribe known for his media-

tion skills.

At 15, she married and a year later had the first of three children. The marriage ended in divorce after about 25 years.

Several years after moving to Los Angeles about 1961, she was hit in the face by a two-by-four during a gang attack and spent six months having her face reconstructed, her daughter said.

When a back injury suffered while working for Northrop permanently disabled Foster, she focused on helping to raise her grandchildren and promoting her culture, her daughter said.

In 2001, Foster - in full Native American attire - waved to Rose Parade crowds from a float honoring "The First Americans."

In addition to her daughter, Jolene, of Baldwin Park, California, Foster is survived by her husband, Charles Foster, whom she married in 1993; a son, David Castaneda Vargas of San Dimas, California; two sisters; five brothers; and six grandchildren.

### Loren D. Cooper

Loren D. Cooper, 73, of Everett, Washington passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2009. He was born on February 3, 1935, in Harveyville, Kansas, a son of the late Thomas P. Cooper and Roena F. (Hupp) Cooper.

On June 5, 1957 in Cumberland, Maryland, he married Helen V. (Clouse) Cooper, who survives along with their children, Linda (Cooper) Snow and her husband James Snow of Everett, Gary Cooper and his wife JoAnne (Scalin) Cooper, of Everett, and Carol (Cooper) Craig and her husband Kary Craig, of Denver, Colorado; four grandchildren, Kevin Snow, Bradley Snow, Emily Morse and her husband Kevin, and Matthew Loren Cooper; and two sisters-in-law, Donna Cooper, of Cicero, New York and Mary Lou Cooper of Wichita, Kansas.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Thomas Cooper and Chester Cooper.

Earlier in life, Loren worked as a truck mechanic with Spector Freight Systems and then as an automobile and truck mechanic at Town Hill Garage. He then started his own business in Rays Cove, Washington - C&A Garage and Body Shop - which he owned and operated for more than 18 years, until his retirement. After retiring, he worked at the parts counter at Interchange Auto Parts Distributor in Everett, where he was well known for his

help by many.

From its founding year and for many years afterward, Loren was a coach of the Breezewood Vikings flag football team, helping many young boys learn the spirit and teamwork of sports. He was an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and enjoyed leatherworking and making many different Native American crafts.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman and an excellent marksman, and had a great sense of humor. He was a kind man who "never met a stranger" and will be greatly missed.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 19, 2009, at 11 a.m. in the Chapel at Della Valle Funeral Service in Everett, with the Rev. Linda Gruber officiating. Friends called at the funeral home on Sunday, January 18, 2009, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on Monday, January 19 from 10 a.m. until the hour of the service. Burial was in Rays Cove Cemetery.

### Roy Lee DeWitt



Roy DeWitt was a master hunter who never had to fire a shot. Instead, DeWitt carried a falcon or hawk to a meadow, forest or lake and released it to catch rabbits, squirrels and ducks. "To watch Roy handle a bird, everything looked so natural and fluid when he did it," said Bill Mixon, who was taught falconry by DeWitt. "To do falconry well relies on a very fragile bond between you and the bird. ... It is an empathetic thing. If you saw Roy with a falcon, you would probably say he is making the bird do all these amazing things, but what he is really doing is exploiting what he knows the bird will do."

Born in Missouri, DeWitt got started in falconry - a term that includes hawks, falcons, and eagles - as a 12-year-old boy when he chopped down a tree to get his first hawk. An Army vet, Pentecostal preacher, computer consultant, and teacher, he spent a lifetime pursuing falconry and nurturing the sport, which has





*This is one of the late Roy DeWitt's hawk sketches.*

only 160 licensed falconers in Georgia and 4,000 nationwide. He took time to educate the public and mentor apprentice falconers, his friends said.

He sketched red-tailed and Cooper's hawks, and the drawings were sold on the internet, along with a DVD he produced that captured the nesting cycle of five species of hawk and an osprey and took five years to complete. He was a past president of the Georgia Falconry Association. "He was known nationally in the falconry community," said Alan Drury, who hunted with DeWitt. "There are a lot of people all the way to Oregon who know him and will remember him fondly. He was a helluva guy."

Roy Lee DeWitt, 61, of Marietta, Georgia died July 3, 2009 of pancreatic cancer. He was cremated, and his family held a service at the National Cemetery in Canton, Georgia.

He grew up in High Ridge, Missouri, where he ran track, played football, and powerlifted, said his daughter, Lydia DeWitt of Alpharetta, Georgia. He overcame a childhood speech impediment and developed passions for photography and falconry, often combining the two arts, Ms. DeWitt said.

While in the Army stationed in Korea, he met his wife, Suk Cha, and was married to her for 39 years, Ms. DeWitt said. In their early years, Mr. DeWitt moved the family from church to church to minister to new congregations, his daughter said. In 1989, he published a book, "Teaching From the Tabernacle," and again pursued an evangelical and lecture circuit.

"We moved so many times, all around Illinois," the 36-year-old Ms. DeWitt said. "He would say, 'God is calling me to preach.'"

DeWitt and his wife moved to Marietta to be closer to her brother, who had moved from Korea to Gwinnett County, and who was later killed by a drunken driver, Ms. DeWitt said. Her father worked as a com-

puter instructor at technical schools; at Micro Center, an electronics and computer store; and as a computer programmer, she said.

"He was smart and inquisitive; he was a philosopher," Mr. Mixon said. "He was deeply religious and a very spiritual guy."

In 2006, Mr. DeWitt and his wife moved to Oklahoma because he was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, and he could qualify for medical benefits, Ms. DeWitt said.

Her father was a skilled carpenter, and her parents converted a barn into a house during their stay in Oklahoma. They lived in the barn during the conversion. "When Mom showed me a picture of it, I said, 'Dad put you in that?'" Ms. DeWitt said. "They didn't have any AC or anything. They were living like they were on 'Little House on the Prairie.'"

But, she said, her parents turned the barn into a nice house. Then her father suffered a stroke in 2007, and she brought her parents back to metro Atlanta and got them a place in Norcross. "When we brought them back, he couldn't even tie his shoe and his face drooped," she said. "So we took him to a Korean lady and she did acupuncture and pretty much got him normal."

They joined the Free Chapel Worship Center in Gainesville, and, Drury said, his friend was soon back in the woods; he even made a few hawking trips after he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in December. The cancer caught the family by surprise since Mr. DeWitt's health seemed to be returning, his daughter said. "He went with a smile, though," she said. "He left with a little smile on his face. He was at peace."

Besides his wife and daughter, Mr. DeWitt is survived by his mother, Lorine Huff of High Ridge, Georgia; his son, Syllas; three grandchildren; and a sister. Another son, Titus; his father; and two brothers preceded him in death.

#### **Jerry Paul Motley**

**TECUMSEH, Okla.** - Tecumseh resident Jerry Paul Motley died Sunday, August 30, 2009, in Tecumseh at the age of 69. He was born April 25, 1940, in Macomb, the son of Vernon and Halsa (Martin) Motley (both of whom were also South Pottawatomie County of early pre-statehood residents).

His family moved to their home in Tecumseh in the late 1940's, where his

daughter and family currently reside. He attended Tecumseh Schools graduating in 1959. He entered the U.S. Army, serving six months active duty and was discharged in 1967 from inactive duty.

He worked for the Tecumseh Gas System for a number of years leaving to go to Baptists Sporting Goods in Shawnee. Jerry went to work for Belshe Industries in 1978 and retired from employment at Belshe in 2006.

He served on the Business Committee of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation for many years during which time growth and development of tribal facilities and programs were initiated. He was a member of the Tecumseh Masonic Lodge #69 and was a 32-degree Mason with the Scottish Rite Consistory. He also served on the Volunteer Fire Department and was a founding member of the Tecumseh Jaycees.

He was active in his children's school activities and never missed an activity-band, chorus, ball games, athletic events, or support groups.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Willis Faye Motley of the home; a son and daughter-in-law, Neal and Pamela Vickery Motley of Tecumseh; a daughter and son-in-law, Paula and Tracy Haney of Tecumseh; grandchildren, Andrea and Ben Rector, Amanda Motley and fiancé Tanner Sturgill, Tyler Motley, Jordan Haney, Taylor, Taryn and Jadyn Haney; great-grandchildren, Tate and Logan Motley and one-on-the-way; brother, Jack Motley; nieces, Cindy and Lisa; nephew, Steven; and a host of friends, whom he met during his many years of employment with Belshe Industries and Baptist Sporting Goods.

A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 2009, at



*Then-Business Committeeman Jerry Paul Motley posed with Flo Foster at a regional meeting in California in 1999. Ms. Foster also walked on recently, and her obituary is in this edition of the HowNiKan.*

Tecumseh Cemetery with Destry Newman officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Cooper Funeral Home of Tecumseh. To share memories, or to sign the guest book online, go to [www.cooper-funeral.com](http://www.cooper-funeral.com).

#### **Don Berkey**

Don Berkey, age 94, Rossville, Kansas, walked on on Monday, September 7, 2009 at Rossville Health Care Center. Don was born on January 1, 1915 in Silver Lake, Kansas, the son of Charles and Lyda Dean Berkey.

He graduated from Kansas State University in 1939 with a business degree. Don worked for the Santa Fe Railroad for more than 40 years, retiring as Assistant Treasurer.

He was a member of Rossville American Legion Post 31 and was a mem-

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## **Frapp Family Reunion 2010**

At the CPN Family Reunion Festival in 2010, the Frapp Family will be one the honored families. Attempting to gather a large turnout of Frapp family members, George Adamietz, a member of the Frapp family, has created an e-mail account for people to ask questions and to help them make arrangements to attend Festival 2010.

The e-mail address is [FrappFamilyReunion2010@gmail.com](mailto:FrappFamilyReunion2010@gmail.com).

Please feel free to ask any questions about the Festival or the Frapp family.

Thank you so much.



# The Wisest Potawatomis

The Citizen Potawatomi hold a special level of reverence for the fullness of years and the wisdom it brings. In keeping with that attitude, the Nation extends special recognition and honor to these members who are now 90 or older.

These Wisest Potawatomis are listed in order of age, with those having reached a specific age, 99 years old as an example, listed in order of age within that grouping.

The Nation extends its condolences and prayers to the family and friends of one of the members listed here - 94-year-old Don Berkey of Rossville, Kansas. Mr. Berkey walked on on September 7, 2009.

## 100-and-older

Teresa Clara Reed, Pampa, Texas, 106; Cordilia Mitchell, Muskogee, Oklahoma, 101; and Goldie Cleo Burrow, Deer Park, Texas, 100; Wynona Smith, Houston, Texas, 100; and Efeard Elisecum Bradley, Vernal, Utah, 100.

## 99 years old

Alfred L. Lewis, Las Vegas, Nevada; Lucille L. Ray Purcell, Oklahoma; and John Thomas Tague, Norristown, Pennsylvania.

## 98 years old

Gladys Marie Barry, San Francisco, California; Lila Mae McGee, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Patricia Rilda Vandagriff, Purcell, Oklahoma; Nila C. Locke, Shawnee, Oklahoma; Mildred Evelyn Houser, Kerrville, Texas; and Ida Pauline Riggan, Reno, Nevada.

## 97 years old

Edward C. Goodell, Kansas City, Kansas; Emma Lucille Palmer, Foresthill, California; Dorothea M. Strobel, Sarasota, Florida; Greta Christene Brasher, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Pearl Martha Sampson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Emily Adelaide Howard, Midwest City, Oklahoma; and Bernece Philley, Bullhead City, Arizona.

## 96 years old

Lillian Catherine Sanders, Sonoma, California; Vernice Arline Slaven, Los Angeles, California; Violet Lavon Hill, Fort Scott, Kansas; Billy Williams, Purcell, Oklahoma; and Lucille E. Funk, Pocatello, Idaho.

## 95 years old

Hellen Mohler Ernst, Brentwood, California; Virginia V. Kistler, Long Beach, California; Edna Frances Henry, Ada, Oklahoma; Lorene Lovell, Lane,



*Teresa Clara (Slavin) Reed is the CPN's oldest member as she approaches her 107th birthday in December. This photo was shot at her home in Pampa, Texas in July 2006. At age 102, she had only recently given up driving her automobile. She recently moved into an extended-care facility in Snider, Texas.*

Oklahoma; Agnes C. Hopkins, Turlock, California; Henry Berton McCauley, Baltimore, Maryland; Anna W. McCauley, Raytown, Missouri; and Leora Pearl Marshall, Shasta Lake, California.

## 94 years old

Alta Mae Sinor, Chouteau, Oklahoma; Donald Dean Berkey, Rossville, Kansas; Roy Edwin Melot, Gilbert, Arizona; Velma J. Bullock, Bonham, Texas; Julia Gertrude Laclair, Mayetta, Kansas; Geraldine Gertrude Chayer, Pomona, California; Frank A. Burnett, Pryor, Oklahoma; Anna M. Comadoll, Loves Park, Illinois; and Virginia Lee Lenius, Independence, Missouri.

## 93 years old

Robert Charles Kemp, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Josephine Georgiana Master-son, Hesperia, California; Willie Lee Scott, Norman, Oklahoma; Goldie L. Whitaker, Wanette, Oklahoma; Veva Mae Lothrop, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Hiram Edward

Hudspeth, El Paso, Texas; Velma Ellen Avery, Norman, Oklahoma; Georgie Guss Hamilton, Shawnee, Oklahoma; Zudora Anita Lewis, Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Geraldine Patricia Gann, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

## 92 years old

Lucille Benita Cartmill, Farmersville, Texas; Opal Sullivan, Shawnee, Oklahoma; Charles R. Melott, Edmond, Oklahoma; James Wade Whitlow, Goodyear, Arizona; Janice Darling Corbett, Spokane, Washington; Joe Slavin, Burdett, Kansas; Everett R. Gourley, Sun City, Arizona; Glen A. Gregson, Oxnard, California; Geneva M. Hunter, Stuart Florida; Madge F. West, Medford, Oregon; Nev W. Peltier, Corning, California; Vinita P. Clowdis, Shawnee, Oklahoma; Thomas Earl Jones, Burien, Washington; and Marguerite Jo-sette Schuyler, Topeka, Kansas.

## 91 years old

Dorothy Annette Whitebread, Dallas, Texas; Edna G. Blevins, Verden, Oklahoma; Helen M. Wolfe, Choctaw, Oklahoma; Allie Eulalia Moseley, Houston, Texas; Gordon P. Ogee, Carrollton, Texas; Frank Douglas Ward, Bellflower California; William James McCauley, Santa Ana, California; Emily Lillian Scott, Asher, Oklahoma; Louis Jefferson White, Apache, Oklahoma; Naomi Barbara Ward, La Porte, Texas; Laverne Virginia Warren, Edmond, Oklahoma; Earl E. Hull, Hominy, Oklahoma; Mary Madeline Smith, Long Beach, California; Rose Marian Wilson, Longview, Texas; and Arthur R. Pryor, San Juan, Capistrano, California.

## 90 years old

Maxine Rayfield, Richardson, Texas; Beatrice C. Frazier, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Ruby Lenore Pike, Fremont, California; Edith M. Lazelle, Plummer, Idaho; Elizabeth Beatrice Morris, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma; Averett Higbee, Port Townsend, Washington; Oleta V. Skinner, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Gerald Ellsworth Peddicord, Pottsboro, Texas; Stella B. Holt, Rimrock, Arizona; Ophelia Louise Alford, Ennis, Texas; Durward Earl New-som, Stillwater, Oklahoma; Alva Donald Melot, Tecumseh, Oklahoma; Arthur C. Muller, Shreveport Louisiana; Lola Muriel Dister, Battle Ground, Washington; Zelma M. Daniel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; James Russell Peddicord, Minden, Nevada; Helen Leona Fallini, Tonopah, Nevada; John Thomas Bergeron, Earlsboro, Oklahoma; Eva Mae Smith, Pine Grove, California; Virginia F. Benson, Sun City,

Arizona; Benedict Grant Rhodd, Tecumseh, Oklahoma; Irene Winzola Green, Martinez, California; Wayeman Cephas Craig, Silver Springs, Nevada; Richard Spencer, Elmira, Oregon; Leona Pauline Wharton, Silsbee, Texas; and Dorothy M. Shepherd, Keota, Oklahoma.

There are now six Citizen Potawatomi who have attained age 100. Those ranks increased by 33 percent in September 2009 as Wynona Smith of Houston, Texas and Efeard Elisecum Bradley of Vernal, Utah celebrated their centennial birthdays.

Meanwhile, with Mr. Berkey's passing and Ms. Smith's and Mr. Bradley's achieving centenarian status, the ranks of CPN members in their 90s shrank to 102.

## Answering the Call Citizen Potawatomi Nation Firelodge and Family Services

We are looking for foster and adoptive parents for our Potawatomi children.

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## Elder of The Month: Doyle Thompson

by Sheila Hughes

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation pays tribute to Doyle Morton Thompson, our September Elder of the Month. "I was born in a shack north of town in Harrah, Oklahoma on November 6, 1936," Thompson began. "My great-grandfather was Pete Anderson."

Thompson offered this memory from early in his life: "You see, the 'Bly Gang' was causing a lot of trouble, robbing, stealing livestock, and killing people. They were out of control, so the law officials decided they had to do something about it. They tried to form a posse, but there wasn't many takers; these outlaws were so mean. My great-grand father knew the area and wanted to help, so they lit out to find the gang."

He continued, "Well, they located them (Bly Gang members) and were trying to figure out how to corral them, when the shooting began. (Pete Anderson) was shot between the eyes and killed." Pete's wife, Julia Harding Anderson, had already walked on because of complications in childbirth of the youngest son, Ben.

Mr. Thompson explained, "My grandmother and her brothers and sisters were orphans. An attorney, Joseph Daniels, was given legal guardianship of the kids. So, my grandmother, Nellie Anderson, attended Sacred Heart School and Indian Mission School in Kansas."

Later, Nellie married Lewis Macarty. Doyle laughed as he commented, "The stories say everyone thought it was awful, marrying an Indian girl, until they saw her, saw how beautiful she was and what a super-nice person she was. Well, then they were all okay with it!"

Doyle loved his mother dearly. "She was my rock!" he said. Born to the couple were four children: Naomi (Doyle's mother), twins Wynona and Walter, and Ethel Lorraine. They were all born on the original 80-acre allotment of land near Harrah, Oklahoma.

Naomi married Johnny Thompson in the early 1900s. "My father was a share-cropper, so we moved around the area three or four times, wherever he could find work," Thompson said.

Doyle Thompson had one brother, Leo and a sister, Barbara. He remembered this about his childhood: "Every time it'd rain, we'd gather pots or anything we could find



Doyle and Leah Thompson

to catch the rain leaking through the roof. We slept on 'feather mattresses' and covered up with quilts. My mother raised chickens and would sell the eggs. Once in a while, on special occasions, we'd have a chicken or a duck for supper, but mostly I was raised on beans, potatoes, fresh squirrels, homemade bread, and gravy."

Thompson added, "My mom would put up green beans, until she filled all our jars. We didn't have the money to buy more jars, and the butterbeans were about the only thing that would keep."

He continued, "It was back during the Depression, and everyone had a hard time surviving, but due to mom's hard work, we never went hungry."

Doyle attended Harrah Public Schools. When he was in the third grade, he explained, "My mother agreed to take care of her grandmother, so we moved into her home in town. It was the first time I'd slept on a store-bought mattress! We even had a gas stove and a coupla of electric lights."

Doyle recalled, with a chuckle, "I didn't ever really want to 'play hookey,' but it would have been pretty hard, living right across the street from the school!" I had a lot of perfect attendance, and I enjoyed school." He played basketball and baseball, graduating from HHS in 1954. Then, he began "doing asbestos work on refineries and powerhouses, and I worked on

heating and cooling systems with my brother, my dad, and my uncle."

Doyle was married in 1958, and had two sons, Larry and Jerry. Drafted in October of 1959, he was sent to Ft Hood for 16 weeks of training. "I was shipped to Worms, Germany. I was in the 1st Armed Rifle Battalion, 48th Infantry," he said.

"It was peace-time, but we practiced military tactics and trained for combat. Where we trained was pretty close to where they built the Berlin Wall," he explained. Thompson achieved the rank of Specialist 4th class and received a good conduct medal during his two years of duty. "We were cleared to come home in October of 1961, but, due to the building of the Berlin Wall, I was kept four or five more months," he said.

Thompson recalled trip home as "cold and terrible. The sea was rough, and a lot of us got sick." The ship Thompson was on docked in the New York harbor. "They cleared us out, gave us our papers, and sent us on our way," he said. "The remainder of my four years was spent in Active Reserves."

Upon returning home, Doyle worked in construction and asbestos work. During that period, he was then divorced from his first wife. While working out-of-state, he returned home to visit his mother and was reunited with one of his high school class-



mates, Leah Ross. They married on February 14, 1969. One son, Michael Brand, was brought into the family.

At that time, Thompson went to work at Tinker Air Force Base in the machine shop. He was promoted to Numerical Control Machine Shop, and then to Production Engineer. Doyle retired in November of 1990.

He said, "I never was a war hero, star athlete, or a VIP, but, I live pretty good due to a lifetime of hard work and good management."

Leah Thompson was in real estate for 15 years then began working at Choctaw State Bank. She retired from a position as Vice President of that institution. Leah is Vice Chairman of the reunion committee, and the couple are active members of Choctaw United Methodist Church. Happily married for 40 years, they live on a small acreage in Harrah.

The Thompsons enjoy gardening and raise a few head of cattle. Quite the handyman, Doyle works on small engines, lawnmower repair, and woodworking. He builds and refurbishes furniture. Leah proudly pointed out a few pieces of furniture he had made in their home. It is safe to say he could give the furniture companies a run for their money. While interviewing Doyle, we had coffee and the best piece of homemade cherry pie this reporter has

See DOYLE THOMPSON on page 10



## Youngsters perform many tasks Catholic HEART comes to CPN again



*Teen-aged participants in the Catholic HEART Workcamp/Workgroup program work on a concrete pad for a carport at a CPN member's home this summer.*

Again in the summer of 2009, Several Citizen Potawatomi Nation members in Shawnee welcomed young people from the Catholic HEART Workcamp/Workgroup. And, those CPN members' homes are in better shape because of the visit.

Catholic HEART Workcamp is based in Orlando, Florida. The founders and directors are Steve and Lisa Walker, who created the opportunity to serve because of their love for young people and for God. After 17 years as Parish Youth Ministers in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Houston, Texas and Orlando, Florida, the Walkers have devoted themselves to the development and management of the Catholic HEART Workcamp on a full-time basis. Not only are they experienced Youth Ministers, they are also National speakers and Workcamp veterans.

The first Workcamp was established in 1993; it has increased in size every year. The Workcamps were established to offer quality service projects and evangelical programs for Catholic young people and their leaders.

The Walkers say, "Every day at Catholic Heart Workcamp brings a chance for young people to open their hearts, see the world differently, love others in ways they never thought they could, and simply serve."

For the past seven years, Catholic

HEART has been coming to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation to assist its elderly, handicapped, and low-income members who live in and around Shawnee, Oklahoma. They have also worked at the CPN Child Development Center and Pow Wow Grounds, in the housekeeping department, and in several other areas of the tribe.

The workgroup has assisted in laying concrete slabs for carports, planting flowerbeds, washing windows, trimming trees, mowing, weed-eating, raking yards, and a very long list of other tasks. They have replaced windows, built handicapped-ramp rails, and replaced window screens and doors.

The Walkers say they operate Catholic HEART on this philosophy: "The fruit of faith is love; the fruit of love is service; the fruit of service is peace."



## Potawatomi Language Conference Report

This year's Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations was held at the same time as the Potawatomi Language Conference in Mayetta, Kansas. Our cousins' (the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's) facilities are wonderful, with two large conference rooms, convention catering (that actually tasted great), and a newly renovated buffet. I always enjoy trips to Mayetta, and this time was no different. It is a remarkably delightful place.

I arrived at the conference to the stunning discovery that a close friend had taken ill. She and her husband have done much to revitalize and preserve the Potawatomi language, and are an integral part of what we all do with language. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lisa Aitkens and her family.

The conference had many of the major Potawatomi speakers in attendance, including Cecilia Meeks-Jackson, Jim Thunder, Billy Daniels, Don Perrot, Stewart King, Lillian Rice, Rita Sands, and Hector Copegog. The theme was "Talk Indian, Everybody." Jim Thunder talked about the many ways to say "fall down" in the language. Apparently, our Potawatomi

ancestors were clumsy.

Stewart King talked about the seasons in the language and the importance of our culture. Potawatomi from up north have different seasons than we have in the south, making it interesting to hear the different descriptions of the 13 moons.

A panel of elders discussed issues that face their communities. They said that the language departments and tribal administrations must work in concert to ensure proper support and participation of tribal constituents. The panel asserted that, if tribal leaders take an active role in learning and/or speaking the language in their particular communities, the serious threat of extinction of the language would be nullified.

Our tribal Chairman Rocky Barrett was the only tribal chairman in attendance for the panel discussion.

Overall, the language conference was a success. The participants and the presenters addressed concerns, identified possible solutions, and motivated the attendees. We are dedicated to restoring our language.

## SAVE THE DATE -- DON'T MISS IT!

**ALL** Citizen Potawatomi Nation members from across Kansas are invited to the CPN Rossville Regional Center for a CPN Services Day Outreach event. **From 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, October 23 and from 8 a.m. until 12:00 Noon on Saturday, October 24**, representatives of CPN Tribal Rolls and the CPN Clinic, along with the CPN attorney, will be on hand to make new Photo ID/Tribal Membership cards, administer flu shots, perform blood pressure and blood sugar level checks, and answer tribal-related legal questions.

The Tribal Attorney has asked that CPN members with legal questions e-mail those questions to him at [GQuinlan@Potawatomi.org](mailto:GQuinlan@Potawatomi.org) before the Services Day event so he can research them beforehand.

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# Community Development Corporation Success Stories

## AB Ponds and Landscaping Flourishes in Shawnee



A shovel and a wheelbarrow. Those were the only tools Raymond Sanchez had in his arsenal when he started AB Ponds and Landscaping in 2000. Like many people who come to the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation offices looking to start up a small business, Sanchez was nervous about the reaction the staff would have to his ideas and his inexperience owning a business, but to his surprise and relief, the CPCDC staff was genuinely welcoming, supportive, and attentive through the entire loan process.

Today, Sanchez has stocked up his supplies to fill a trailer with several tools acquired with capital provided by CPCDC. Without the help of CPCDC, Sanchez says "I know I wouldn't have been able to get a loan. My credit wasn't bad, I just hadn't established it, and there wasn't any other bank that would work with me."

But not only was the financial assistance critical in establishing AB Ponds and Landscaping, the step-by-step instruction by the staff helped Sanchez set up a solid business plan and establish steps to grow his business.

CPCDC gave him the push he needed to pursue his entrepreneurial goals and gave him networking resources which have brought in several job opportunities in the Shawnee community, ranging from building backyard ponds to roof installations.

When asked the business accomplishment he is most proud of, Sanchez mentions the eye-catching flower beds he completed in the front yard of CPCDC's executive director, Kristi Coker. The intricate

flower beds he built reflect the built-to-last quality that Sanchez has become well-known for in his small business in Shawnee.

"The project really speaks for itself; it's just one that I'm really proud of," Sanchez said.

He is grateful for the ongoing support CPCDC staff has provided and says he will continue to use the networking resources and the business development services provided by CPCDC as he continues to bring in work: "They've helped me through everything. If I can continue to work with them forever I'm going to do it!"

For more information on AB Ponds and Landscaping, please call 405-214-0144.

## iBall Instruments, LLC Providing Cutting Edge Technology To All Corners of the Globe

Carl Bright, a CPN tribal member and Myron Butler, co-founders of iBall Instruments, LLC, bring new meaning to "playing in the mud." Using infrared technology, Butler and Bright devised a product that allows geologists to monitor in real-time gas levels emitted from excess mud during oil drilling. This cutting-edge invention, known as the Bloodhound, is the first of its kind and allows data to be shared globally via the Internet— a critical innovation considering how the oil industry continues to change as technology and environmental awareness evolves.

"Right now in the Southwest, we have 130 systems in the field. Between Texas and Oklahoma we own about one-fifth of the market ... which is not bad for two guys working out of a garage in Edmond, Oklahoma."

Since 2006, iBall Instruments, LLC has not only made its mark on the domestic oil industry but has grown to reach all corners of the globe with units in Morocco, South Africa, Turkey, Azerbaijan, and Guinea.

Obtaining funding for such a risky



invention was not easy. Most financial institutions Butler and Bright sought financing from offered extremely high interest rates and large monthly payments which would force iBall customers to make cash deposits to help finance production. After creating a comprehensive business plan and presenting it to Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation, iBall Instruments, LLC was provided the low interest line of credit it needed to make large equipment purchases and to keep their inventory stocked in order to sell their products in short order. "They were our saving grace when it came to getting operating capital; they made all the difference in the world," says the iBall staff.

The CPCDC team was willing to take a risk with iBall. They were fascinated by the technology, but most important, they believed in the technology. As self-proclaimed practical risk-takers, Butler and Bright put spending restrictions on themselves, limiting use of their capital to large tangible assets in order to protect themselves from a potential market collapse.

Without the financial support and business development guidance from CPCDC, the iBall team believes the company would have struggled to effectively compete in the gas logging industry.

The help and support of CPCDC staff



has put iBall Instruments at the top of its game, providing products that no one has previously been able to distribute on a global scale. "We are most proud of the fact that we've harnessed infrared technology and have made it practical. There have been several attempts in the last 50 years and they've all ended up in the junk pen," says Butler.

Expansion is surely in iBall's future as Butler, Bright, and their team continue to pursue innovative technology for detecting gas levels and to improve the efficiency of the gas logging industry through their expertise.

## Sooner Marble Granite & Tile Beautifies Shawnee

Small business owners in a tight-knit community such as Shawnee, Oklahoma know that the survival of enterprise relies on two concepts: quality products and high ethical standards. Steve Taylor and Michael Patton, founding partners at Sooner Marble Granite & Tile, have done more than just survive. Since 2002 they have thrived on the standard that their clients' products are built to the same standard that they would build their own family's products.

The word on the quality of their products has spread quickly, not only through Shawnee, but over a geographical market in a 60-mile radius around the city.

Both founders have ties to Citizen Potawatomi Nation: Patton is a member of

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*The CPCDC can help you evaluate your business ideas and make a plan to turn those ideas into a reality! Whether the venture is a start-up operation or the expansion of an existing business - training and/or one-on-one assistance can help your business grow more efficient, productive, and profitable. Individual counseling is an integral component of the strategy for helping Native American business owners gain the capacity to successfully operate their business concerns. In addition to one-on-one counseling, clients may the opportunity to take advantage of programs offered by Gordon Cooper Technology Center and/or the Potawatomi Business Network - a cadre of active professionals in critical business areas such as accounting, law, and marketing. To date, CPCDC has made 122 commercial loans worth more than \$7.8 million and 897 short-term consumer loans worth \$801,324. Contact Information: 405-878-4697, 800-880-9880 toll free, 405-878-4665 fax; 130 E. MacArthur, Ste. 206, Shawnee, OK 74801*



# CPN Cultural Heritage Center & FireLake Giftshop

Bozho,

Although I haven't been at the Cultural Heritage Center long, let me say that I am honored to be working for my tribe in this capacity. It has been such a treat to be a part of the exciting things that are happening within our tribe and the CHC. The Gathering, hosted by the Prairie Band Potawatomis, was a great experience, and I look forward to when we host it next August. The CHC staff has already begun brainstorming for both Festival and the Gathering activities and exhibits. Please stay tuned for more information as the months progress.

We have a really exciting project in development for the Visitors Area of the CHC. Stacy Coon has worked very hard on the exhibit component, and she'll share more about that in her section. Not only will the Visitors Area have two dioramas, built specifically for the CHC, but it will also have ample seating and visitor information. School groups and bus tours will have plenty of room to sit and wait for their buses or to relax after shopping in the gift shop. Visitors will be able to find information for things to do in Shawnee, in the OKC metro area, and across the state. Information about other cultural institutions/museums, movie theatres, tribes, etc., as well as other CPN enterprises, will be at the fingertips of every guest. Phase two of the Visitors Area will include audio tours.

The CHC staff is proud to announce formation of its Facebook page. Become "a fan" of the CHC on Facebook to stay updated on events, exhibits, and other things going on at the CHC. To become a fan, search Facebook for Citizen Potawatomi. The CHC should be the first link to pop up. Click "become a fan." It's as simple as that! You will receive an update each time a post is made by the staff of the CHC. We already have quite a following!

The CHC Tribal Heritage Project has also created a YouTube site! It's in its infancy, but Leslie is working hard to link

up a lot of our family and veterans videos. You can find us on YouTube at this link: (if you have a YouTube account, which is free, you can "subscribe" to the CHC/THP page for updates): [www.youtube.com/user/cpntribalheritage](http://www.youtube.com/user/cpntribalheritage).

Another exciting event that the CHC recently participated in was The Moving Wall: Vietnam Veterans' Combat Memorial that came through Shawnee. Several staff/tribal members both participated in and followed the motorcade as the memorial was driven through town to Woodland/Veterans Memorial Park and then set up and exhibited for several days.

The CPN was represented by our Veterans organization and several staff and tribal members who shot photos, served food, and helped in other areas as needed. It was a very moving experience for all involved. For images of The Moving Wall, please see our Facebook page.

The CHC/FireLake Gifts recently participated in an auction through the Grand Casino, with proceeds benefiting the Muscular Dystrophy Association. It was a wonderful experience, and the CHC/FireLake Gifts hopes to continue making a positive impact on the community as well as for our tribal members.

First and foremost, the CHC is here to protect and preserve tribal history and stories. If you have any stories to share, on- or off-camera, please do not hesitate to give us a call. Our Tribal Heritage Department is always ready to interview tribal members, and our Archives Department is ready to document your family history.

Megwetch,  
Karen Phillips, Executive Director  
CPN Cultural Heritage Center  
The CHC is located at:  
1899 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.  
Shawnee, Ok.  
405-275-3119

CHC Hours of operation:  
Sunday & Monday: Closed  
Tuesday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## Collections Corner Stacy Coon

Just as soon as Festival 2009 was over, the CHC hit the ground running with yet another project to accomplish. Some time ago, we designated a yet-to-be-utilized space for visitors and guests who come to the Cultural Heritage Center. This space was designated to be an area where tribal members and visitors will have an opportunity to sit and relax in a welcoming atmosphere while visiting the CHC.

Whether it is for tribal members visiting Tribal Rolls or visitors waiting for a tour of the Culture Center, we want everyone to have an opportunity to relax and enjoy our interpretation of Citizen Potawatomi Nation history in its many forms. The Visitors Area will be located between the Front Lobby and the main restrooms of the CHC.

The Visitors Area will include a standard seating arrangement and informational displays on local tourist attractions. But, most important, it will house two 4-ft-x-4-ft miniature dioramas depicting Pre- and Post-Contact Potawatomi villages for visitors' viewing pleasure. Children and adults alike will have a wonderful opportunity to see what an actual Potawatomi village looked like, scaled down in size, prior to European contact and afterward.

The dioramas will be supported by a solid wooden base and a Plexiglas top. We look forward to this exciting addition to the CHC, and hope that you all will enjoy using it as much as we will enjoy bringing it all together!

Also, I would like to take a moment to welcome our new director, Mrs. Karen Phillips, to the Cultural Heritage Center. Welcome aboard Karen, we are glad to have you! Migwetch!! Stacy Coon



## Archival Notebook R. Blake Norton, Tribal Archivist

The Archival Notebook is an informative look into the activities of the Cultural Heritage Center's (CHC) Tribal Archives and Research Division. Within the newsletter, we will discuss exciting current and future projects, as well as projects that readers can do at home. Readers will have the opportunity to look into a real archival and collections management program.

Many of you have discovered, either through word-of-mouth or visiting the CHC, that the tribe was bestowed a gracious donation of more than 3,000 books. The books were the personal library of tribal member Jerry W. Lewis/Nswé Makek. They contain literature on all aspects of American Indian culture, history, and spirituality.

Already, students from every grade level are using this priceless resource for both their educational and personal enhancement. In addition to our young scholars, post-graduate students and doctoral candidates have employed the literary collection to assist in their projects and dissertations. To illustrate our appreciation for Mr. Lewis' exemplary dedication to advancing the cultural and historical preservation of the Potawatomi people, the library was named the Nswé Makek Research Library of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in his honor. The Nation thanks you, Jerry!

In addition to this outstanding donation, I would like to thank all of the tribal members who have graciously donated and/or loaned materials to the Cultural Heritage Center's archival collection. Materials acquired at the 2009 Family Reunion Festival allowed Tribal Archives

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Doyle Thompson, con't. from page 6



At left, Doyle Thompson wore his Roundhouse Overalls (made in Shawnee, Oklahoma) for his school picture in 1943. At right, he poses with sons Larry (left) and Jerry Thompson.

ever tasted!

Mr. Thompson recently spoke at the Harrah Historical Society, giving a presentation of the early allotments in the Harrah area. It is evident that he takes great pride in his cultural heritage. He and Leah partake of noon meals at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's McCloud Title VI Elders Food Program. "We enjoy going," Doyle said. "And we love Denise Smith (Title VI Director); she is exceptional. She goes over and beyond to do for us, and is an asset to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation."

The Thompsons are very proud of their two grandchildren, Tiffany and Zachary. Tiffany was a member of the Potawatomi Leadership Program during the summer of

2009.

"Because of our (CPN) leadership, so much has been accomplished," Doyle said. "I look back at the two little buildings I used to take mom to for doctor appointments. Now, look what we have! "Chairman (John) Barrett and Vice-Chairman (Linda) Capps have done an outstanding job due to their dedication and hard work. I appreciate the programs, benefits, and facilities that are available to us."

Although Doyle might not consider himself a VIP, he is. Although he wasn't highly decorated in battle, he did serve his country. Additionally, he was a star to all he loved each time he took the playing field. Mr. Thompson is one of our precious and humble elders. Because of these facts alone, he is assuredly a VIP!

## Legislators present Pendleton blanket, shawl



At left, Rep. Theresa Adame presents a shawl to Raymond Martin of Topeka, Kansas. At right, Patricia Holton of Tecumseh, Oklahoma accepts a Pendleton blanket from Rep. Dave Barrett.



tors express their gratitude to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and our people," Rep. Barrett said.

The drawing was held during a break in the legislative session on June 29. The Potawatomi Leadership Program students, who were on hand to observe their government in action, were given the honor of drawing the names of the lucky winners.

The winner of the Pendleton blanket is Patricia Holton of Tecumseh, and the winner of the shawl is Raymond Martin of Topeka, Kansas.

"At Festival 2010, be sure you stop by and see us for your chance to win," Rep. Adame said. "It will cost you nothing except few minutes of your time for a pleasant visit."

**Saving Pets At Risk** has announced that the CPN has again donated \$10,000 for spay and neuter surgeries for tribal members' dogs and cats at no cost to members. Upon verification, the member will be sent a certificate to present to the veterinarian for the surgery. The certificate must be used before its expiration date. Appointments for the pets will be made by SPAR, at the veterinary clinic of the pet owner's choice. No other services, other than a rabies shot, will be covered. Pets need to be healthy and free of parasites. Puppies and kittens need to be six months old or older at time of surgery.

CPN members should call SPAR voice-mail at 405-702-7727 and press option #1. Leave a message that you are calling to apply for the CPN spay and neuter program. You must leave your name, mailing address, phone number(s), and e-mail address (if available). A SPAR representative will contact you and send paperwork that will require you to attach a copy of your tribal membership card and/or other photo ID if your membership card does not have a photo.



To schedule the CPN Veterans Organization Color Guard, contact Herbert Holton at 405-598-2530 or e-mail him at herb39h@yalornet.com. To schedule the CPN Veterans Organization Honor Guard, contact Michael Abel 405-878-5830 or at MAbel@Potawatomi.org.

## Attention CPN Veterans

I am Clyde Yates, a CPN member and Viet Nam veteran. I have trained as a Veterans Services Officer through the VFW, with the training done by certified VA services officers.

If you need any help with your service-connected VA disability claim, please call me at 405-275-3121. Tell the receptionist that you need assistance with a VA claim and need to contact Clyde Yates, service officer. I will return your call and set up an appointment. I will need your name and telephone number.

I look forward to talking to each one of you and helping CPN veterans.  
Clyde Yates - A.S.A. 1967-1971 - Viet Nam 1968-1969



## The CPN Veterans Corner

Bozho,

It has been a very busy month for the Potawatomi Veterans Organization. The group continues to grow in membership, as well as developing new programs to help the members of our community of veterans. The group was recognized in several publications recently, including the Shawnee News-Star, the Oklahoman, and KTVY-TV (Channel 4) News in Oklahoma City.

Some of the fun things that we have been doing range from shooting at Shoot-N-Iron Practical Shooting Academy, to pizza nights for just getting together, to planned bowling nights (who knows, we might even form a league of our own), to movie nights and seminars by and for our members. We invite all of our members to get involved and suggest other fun things we could do as a group.

The Potawatomi Veterans Organization was honored to participate in presentation of the Moving Vietnam Veterans Wall of Honor as it was on display at Woodland/Veterans Memorial Park in Shawnee in August. That made for a long



*CPN Veterans Organization Vice Commander Michael Abel leads the Moving Vietnam Veterans wall arrival procession through downtown Shawnee.*

weekend for the volunteers, but all who participated had a great time.

Our "weekend" began on a Wednesday

with a flag retirement ceremony. That event was a tremendous success, and was very moving for all who attended. Both the Potawatomi Color Guard and the VFW color guard marched a shared march to the retirement site, where the flags were inspected by Commander Keith Cagle. Then, the flags were put to rest in the ceremonial fire as taps was played in the background by the VFW bugler. It was an emotional experience for all of us. I must admit I could not help shedding a tear as the retired flags found their proper end.

The Veterans Wall came in with a motorcycle escort on a rainy Thursday morning, but the weather did not hinder the procession or the onlookers parked cheering along the route. In fact, it cemented the feeling of togetherness and brother-

hood as we escorted such an emotionally important piece of history to its downtown display site.

Everyone then pitched in to help, and the wall began to take shape, growing larger with each panel until it was completed. Reading the names of those who have fallen defending our nation, our brothers who gave their lives so we could be free, I could not suppress the emotions that welled up behind my eyes. Then, my thoughts shifted to those now in harm's way. We must, as much as we can, ensure that they know that they are loved and respected, and that their sacrifice shall not have been in vain as they defend the freedoms that we all hold dear.

The concession sales went well, and I must admit the fry bread that Theresa Talbot made was quite irresistible.

We would like to thank the Public Information Department and the Cultural Heritage Center for all of their support and photos, as well as Tim Zientek for the logistical support, and Firelake Discount Foods for use of portable concession stands and the food items it donated.

A very special thanks goes out to Tribal Administration, for without them none of this would be possible.

Soon, we will have our new Web site up at [www.PotawatomiVeterans.com](http://www.PotawatomiVeterans.com), which will give all of our members across the country the means to post stories, events, pictures, and video, as well as stay in communication with our brothers and sisters abroad. We look forward to having the Web site completed, but in the interim you can still e-mail us at [Veterans@Potawatomi.org](mailto:Veterans@Potawatomi.org).

Megwetch,

Michael D. Abel, Vice Commander  
Potawatomi Veterans Organization



**Shiree Randell was a proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.**

**Our mother, Shiree,** was a wonderful mother and one of the most amazing women we have ever met. She raised three daughters, by herself, while she ran the family store. After we graduated she went back to college and earned a Bachelors in Psychology, she always loved helping people. Once she had grandchildren they became her passion. One morning, she collapsed, we found her unconscious, in her home. We waited and prayed for three days, when we got the unexpected news that she was brain dead. That's when LifeShare stepped in and told us that it was time for her to help someone else by being an organ donor. We had absolutely no idea what miracles our mother could perform even after she wasn't with us

anymore. Thank you, LifeShare, for helping us through a difficult time, and for showing us how much one life could help not one, but three others.

Organ, eye and tissue donation saves lives. Please make your decision to donate life, and then tell your family!

Register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor on your Oklahoma driver's license or state ID card, or register online at [www.lifeshareregistry.org](http://www.lifeshareregistry.org). If you don't have a license, or state ID card, and do not have internet access, call 800-826-LIFE (5433), and ask for a donor registration card.

**@GOOD for life.**





CPN member among top prep QBs in the USA

## QB Bray switches commitment to Vols

Once Tennessee got involved with Kingsburg, California High School quarterback Tyler Bray late in the summer, it seemed only a matter of time before the signal caller switched his commitment from San Diego State to the Vols. On Tuesday, September 8, the switch became official. Bray is a CPN member who has begun his senior year at Kingsburg High.

Bray took an official visit to Tennessee this past weekend (Saturday, September 5, 2009). He said he was blown away by what he saw in Knoxville. "They say football is a religion in the South and that's definitely true," Bray said. "The fan support and how passionate everyone is just blew me away. I love the coaching staff and the energy everyone has there."

Bray, whose father Jeff Bray is also a CPN member, added, "On top of all that, it's just a great fit for me from a football standpoint. They don't have a lot of depth at the quarterback position, and they didn't sign a quarterback last year. I want to graduate (from Kingsburg High) early so I can enroll in time for spring practice, and they want me to come in and be ready to compete for playing time so I'm very excited about that."

The choice to play for Tennessee is accompanied with two additional major decisions involving him and his family: He'll graduate from Kingsburg at the end of the fall semester and immediately enroll at Tennessee, allowing him to participate in the Vols' spring practices. The Bray family, including father Jeff, mother Lori and younger brothers Austin and Jacob, will move to the Knoxville area in the spring. That will enable mom and dad to watch both Tyler and Austin, who's a sophomore quarterback on Kingsburg's junior varsity.

And, while Tyler Bray's commitment to Tennessee has shone a bright light on Kingsburg -- "It's so great for him, us, the school and the community," coach Dave Steele said -- it comes with a catch. By leaving school early, he'll strip the athletic program of All-Central Sequoia League talent in basketball and baseball. "My uncle's a little mad at me," said Tyler Bray, referring to Mark Bray, the Vikings' basketball coach.

Beyond getting a grasp of the Vols' system in spring practice, Tyler Bray also will have the chance to acclimate himself to the



*Tyler Bray works out at a camp for elite high school football players that was held on the University of Oklahoma campus in late July.*

school academically and concentrate on weight training

Bray had a great summer and emerged as a national recruit after several standout performances. He earned runner-up honors for camp MVP at the Elite 11 and the Vols actually offered him a scholarship, while he was at the camp.

"I have nothing but positive things to say about San Diego State, but Tennessee just felt like the right fit for me," Bray said. "I was surprised when they started to recruit me in the summer, and it feels great to be a part of all that tradition down there. I know I have a lot to work on but I'm very excited about my decision and can't wait to get out there."

The Kingsburg Vikings football team began its much-anticipated 2009 season with a 44-13 win at Dos Palos on September 11. Bray completed 13 of 22 passes in that game, for 238 yards and two TDs.

The Vikings followed up with a 28-21 win over Washington High in the season's second week. Bray was 18-of-34 for 330 yards and three TDs in that game. The touchdown passes covered 23, 39, and 54 yards. Bray carried the ball five times for 32 net yards against WHS. His cousin, Bretton Bray, also a CPN member, caught two passes for 32 yards from his tight end position.

Through two games, Tyler Bray was 31-



*Tyler Bray was under heavy pressure from a defensive back on this pass attempt from action during his junior season at Kingsburg High.*

of-56 for 568 passing yards and five TDs.

Expectations for the Vikings are high this season as they return many of their starters from 2008's Division IV Valley championship runner-up team. "We made a statement tonight (with the Dos Palos win)," said Vikings senior linebacker Stephen Graham. "We wanted to come out, make a statement with a big win and show people that we are still good and last year was not a fluke. I think we did that."

Kingsburg's victory once again showcased the Vikings' talented offense, as senior quarterback Tyler Bray threw two touchdowns to go along with three rushing touchdowns from junior running back Garrett Steele.

*Vietnam Wall, con't. from page 1*

ed later, boxed, shipped, and stored for future display in a memorial museum, included flags, photographs and even beer cans for fallen brothers.

At the base of the wall, below the name of James Arlie Blankenship, the first Sac and Fox tribe member to die during Vietnam, three veterans of Sac and Fox heritage placed American flags and a Sac and Fox Honor guard patch with four eagle feathers. "All active duty personnel who can prove they're Native American can wear eagle feathers in service now," Dennis Jennings, who helped place the flags and feathers below Blankenship's name, said. "The reason we're putting them here is so that the eagle accompanies him to the next life. He definitely earned the eagle feathers. Eagle feathers are a sign of his warriorship." The feathers were obtained from government sources and have papers expressing their legality, Jennings said.

Jennings, along with many other veterans, said although the wall is a great way to honor those who died in service, there is one way it could be improved. "My personal view of this wall is that there's a bunch who came back and died later...it doesn't reflect all of those we lost," he said. "We lost a lot of people we knew who we went to grade school with, played ball with, and they all paid a sacrifice, all who served."

Jennings and others said the Moving Wall is to honor those whose names aren't inscribed on it as much as those whose names are there.



*A barrel of flags awaits retirement as a bugler plays Taps during the retirement ceremony conducted by the CPN Veterans Organization. The ceremony was part of the Shawnee visit by the Moving Vietnam Veterans Wall in August.*



*Community Action and Harvesters provided free food items for people in need*

## Food Given Away In Rossville

**Rossville, Kansas (WIBW)** - People needing help making ends meet got a helping hand on Wednesday, August 26 as Community Action of Topeka, Kansas held its first rural mobile food pantry distribution in Rossville, Kansas. Dozens of people turned out for apples, potatoes, bread, sports drinks, and other items. All the items were provided through the Harvesters Food Network.

Alice Schimmel of Community Action says the need is great. She says many people may be unable to pay their utilities or buy food, so anything extra will be better for them.

Community Action plans the giveaways every fourth Wednesday of the month at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation community center building, off Highway 24 on the



*Vehicles line up outside the CPN Community Center in Rossville for the monthly food donation day.*

east edge of Rossville. There are no income guidelines, but a photo ID and social security number are required. Recipients also must provide their own transportation and a box to carry their goods.

## Participant praises PLP experience

*(Editor's note: 2009 PLP participant Ashley Barshaw provided this report on her perspectives about the program. The October HowNiKan will report on all of the 2009 PLP Class members.)*

Each summer, The Citizen Potawatomi Nation hosts five to eight Potawatomi youths for the Potawatomi Leadership Program (PLP). These youths participate in a six-to-eight weeks internship with the tribe.

The PLP members travel and tour each of the tribe's departments and enterprises. They research their individual Potawatomi history and learn about the tribe's history as a whole. They work and enjoy the annual Family Reunion Festival at the pow wow grounds.

This program, however, offers much more. I know this from experience. I participated in the 2009 Potawatomi Leadership Program. I spent six weeks living within tribal lands and working daily with tribal employees and members. I attended several meetings with tribal leaders and persons influential to our tribe's current success.

Throughout these six weeks, I learned of the instrumental influence our tribe has



*2009 PLP Participant Ashley Barshaw*

on the surrounding area and people. I learned of the incredible effort it has taken for our tribe to achieve what it has. This program has opened my eyes to the importance of Potawatomi youths becoming involved with their tribe.

The more I learned about the tribe, its history, its culture, and its people, the more I wanted to return to help continue our success. This program has helped me recognize that the tribe will always have a place for me here in Shawnee, Oklahoma. I hope that other youths will attend and realize that to be the best Potawatomi we can be, we owe it to our tribe and our tribal leaders to help expand and develop our tribe for its upcoming future.

*CPCDC Successes, con't. from page 8*

the Tribe and Taylor considers himself an "adopted" member with family members on the tribal roll.

Taylor and Patton, both skilled craftsmen with construction experience, found a niche for Sooner Marble Granite & Tile in Shawnee. Through word-of-mouth, they began to build a strong reputation in the community. Eventually, they experienced what Taylor refers to as "business growing pains" and needed to expand their location, cash flow, and inventory.

After seeing an article about the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation in the local paper, Taylor decided to pursue funding to buy equipment for his new business. He says that funding for the business could not have come at a better time. "They helped us walk through the entire process. They were really honest, helping us figure out what works and what doesn't. Since then, we've been going strong," says Taylor.

Both partners believe that Sooner Marble would look very different in 2009 had it not been for the financing provided by CPCDC. "Without the loan from them, I couldn't say 100% that we'd still be business, we might have had to start over and stay really small. It gave us freedom and some timely capital to finish up our showroom and expand and buy the equipment we needed," says Taylor.

The founders of Sooner Marble are proud of the reputation they have maintained in the Shawnee community as skilled craftsmen, but more important, they are proud of the growth they have achieved over the past six years which is largely attributed to the loyal customers and tight relationships they have built both with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the Shawnee community as a whole.

When asked what the future of Sooner Marble may look like Taylor, like many small business owners, is planning on leaving the answer to that question up to the mood of the economy. However, if circumstances allow, he would like to see the company expand into small commercial enterprise and perhaps expand the target market even further across Oklahoma. He also says that, if he ever gets a free moment between running the business and watching his son play baseball, he plans to take advantage of the one-day business development workshops CPCDC offers year-round.

Recently, Sooner Marble Granite & Tile unveiled its new Web site, which highlights the expansive selection of stone available. To learn more about Sooner Marble, please visit the new Web site at [www.soonermarble.com](http://www.soonermarble.com) or call 405-214-7400.

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## District #1 - Roy Slavin

Bozho, Nikan,

We - my wife and I - attended the Gathering of Potawatomi Nations from August 6 through August 9. As always, it was a great experience. It was also wonderful to see so many District #1 members attending.

The Gathering of Nations is a continuation of the early times when the tribes would come together each year to trade goods and renew acquaintances with family and friends. The gatherings today differ from that only in that we Potawatomis trade ideas instead of goods.

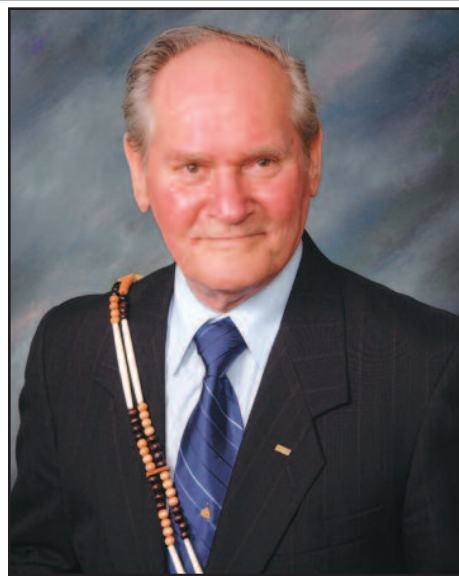
This Gathering opened with an economic summit, where all the Nations' leaders came together to discuss their economies and trade ideas and offer suggestions. As an observer, was very impressed with our tribal leaders. Be assured, the Nishnabe are in good hands.

The second day was taken up with language lessons by different native speakers; this was very interesting and informative. Our own Justin Neely, Don Perrot, and Don's lovely wife were highlights of this session.

As I mentioned in the August *HowNiKan*, I had been honored by a request to name Jackie Foley and her two daughters, Kayla and Kourtney. Jackie is the daughter of my younger brother, Bill Slavin. We conducted the ceremony at the Rossville prayer circle. I'm sure Bill was filled with pride as he watched from the spirit world.

We are now into September, and the excitement continues as we prepare for the fall season and our quarterly Legislative meeting. This one is concerned with budgets and is usually very intense.

On a lighter note, we have the resumption of our District #1 craft night. Quite by accident Theresa Adame, District #4 representative, and I became involved with the Neodesha, Kansas Chamber of commerce,



Karen Porter, and their Chief Little Bear Day, which coincides with National Native American Day. Our CPN color guard will present the colors, and Jon Boursaw will give a short presentation about The Trail of Death.

Chief Little Bear was Osage, and the Potawatomis and Osages have some shared history, thus the name of one of the cities in Kansas, - Osawatomie or Osage/Potawatomi. Theresa Adame and I have decided to make this a combined District #1/District #4 event.

I will end this with another request for your contact information. If you have not been receiving e-mail updates from me, it's because I don't have your e-mail address. In addition, I would like to have mailing addresses as I am trying to prepare a density map of my district to find the best locations for possible district meetings.

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## District #2 - Eva Marie Carney

Bozho (Hello), Fellow CPN District No. 2 Citizens,

I hope this column finds you and your family well and rested from a good summer.

The Gathering of Nations in Mayetta, Kansas held in early August was great fun and thought-provoking too. This was the 16th consecutive year in which Potawatomi tribes officially gathered together to spend time with each other, dance and drum and feast together, teach and share stories and ideas (including ideas for enhancing governments and tribal economies) with each other, and in many other ways celebrate our shared blood and heritage.

The Potawatomi tribes are located as far north as Walpole Island, Canada and Parry Island, Canada, and as far south as our own, in Shawnee, Oklahoma. This was my first Gathering, but I hope to not miss any more! I hope you enjoy the account below, and that it will pique your own interest in attending.

Next year would be a great time to start a tradition of attending, as we are hosting the Gathering in 2010. This means you will have two opportunities for festivities in Shawnee next summer. The first will be our Family Reunion Festival 2010 during the last weekend in June, and the second will be the 17th Annual Gathering, during the first weekend in August. I hope to see you at one or both and want you to know that there is a place at both for you and your family.

This year's Gathering began on a Wednesday with an Economic Development meeting to which all Tribal Council Members and elected representatives were invited. Our Nation made presentations on our national bank and successful grocery store and shared our ideas on ways in which our fellow Nations can enhance their own economic viability.

The CPN is the largest in population of the Potawatomi tribes and has most successfully diversified beyond the casino business. (Most of our "sister" tribes have successful casino businesses, including our host, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Our other "sister" tribes are Wasauksing/Parry Island Potawatomi, Hannahville Potawatomi, Gun Lake Potawatomi, Forest County Potawatomi, Walpole Island Potawatomi, Huron



Potawatomi, and Pokagon Potawatomi. Web site addresses for each tribe can be found at <http://www.pbpindiantribe.com/other-potawatomi-nations.aspx>.)

Chairman John Barrett and Reps. Theresa Adame and Roy Slavin and I participated for the CPN in this meeting. One of Chairman Barrett's points was that having a well-developed tribal commercial code has been vital to our economic success. The Chairman followed up on his offer to share our Tribal Codes and sample contracts and like documents with the other Nations by spending what must have been quite a lot of personal time burning copies onto thumb drives and presenting these to the Chairmen and Tribal Council Members at the gift-giving that closed the Gathering late Saturday night.

I spent the next two days alternating attendance at two other well-organized and interesting conferences: the Language Conference and the Youth Conference. Many of the tribes' elders attended and shared our heritage and language during the two-day Language Conference. I found it moving and inspiring.

Linguists observe that it is only through learning a language that one profoundly keys into the culture and beliefs, and the elders made that same observation throughout the conference. "Our" Justin Neely made me very proud during his language presentation/instruction. You might know that Justin is not a native speaker. I really admired his courage in standing up - and his language and teaching skills once

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he did so -- in front of our many native-speaking elders.

Justin provided us very accessible instruction and distributed a very popular giveaway at the end of his presentation -- a bumper sticker reading "Bodewadmi ndaw" (I am Potawatomi). I have some extras if you are interested (please write or e-mail me with a request).

Similarly, the Youth Conference was well-attended by our Potawatomi young people from the various tribes. It offered the students what seemed to be very useful instruction on budgeting and walking the path toward college and vocational schools and rewarding jobs afterward. The youth received positive messages from caring adult presenters and Tribal leaders who addressed the Conference and seemed to really enjoy themselves, especially the Native hypnotist who closed out the conference.

The CPN will have the honor of hosting the Gathering of Nations next year, and I would suggest that we continue the PBPB "tradition" of these three Conferences.

The other days and nights of the Gathering were filled with visiting with fellow Potawatomis (both CPN members I had met before and many new folks who were great to meet, as well as folks from the other Nations), two nights of Intertribal and Competitive Dancing (the CPN had dancers in all the competitions, for whom we cheered loudly), traditional feasting (one night on bison that had been raised near the Gathering grounds), and wonderful drumming and singing.

I received a number of handmade gifts from other tribes' elected officials during the gift-giving and these are now displayed in my CPN office. I would love to show them to you if you visit. One item will be unavailable for viewing -- delicious maple syrup from the Wasauksing/Parry Island Potawatomi, which my family and I have been enjoying!

The Gathering was made very comfortable through the hard work of Tim Zientek and his team. They brought tents, coolers, refreshments and snacks, first-aid supplies, tables and chairs and their good humor all the way to Mayetta, so the CPN citizens and their families attending the Gathering had a very pleasant place to gather and talk.

Tim also was instrumental in organizing our giveaways to the other Nations and was a great "first-responder" when I hobbled back to the CPN tent after a silly fall

on the PBPB fairgrounds with what turned out to be a broken foot. So, Tim, please accept this personal, in-print thanks for all you did for us, and please thank the fellows that helped you all weekend long!

We also had some CPN-focused time on Saturday. Early Saturday morning Theresa Adame and I drove to Rossville to lay down cedar in the Rossville prayer circle in preparation for a naming ceremony Roy Slavin conducted for several family members and one of the residents of the Rossville housing complex. You will find several photos on my Web site that depict Roy's expert use of flint and steel to start the morning fire.

Later that morning we walked behind the CPN banner in the Rossville Tall Corn Festival Parade, and young Molly Slavin, in her regalia made by her great-grandmother (and Roy's wife), Julia Slavin, represented our Nation expertly. It was a great source of pride to us to see our Eagle Flag and CPN Color Guard lead off the parade. (Photos of Molly and the Flag and Color Guard also are on my Web site.)

As you can see the Mayetta trip was filled with activities and exposed us to many new people, ideas, cultural practices, and language insights. Notably, I also got some further instruction on our ceremonies from Chairman Barrett while in Kansas. I will share these with those who attend the Naming Ceremony being planned with the Zeigler family in Asheboro, North Carolina next month. Please do contact me right away for more information if you are thinking of making a request for a name and/or attending that ceremony on September 19.

I am also considering a trip to the Atlanta area in October or November to meet with District #2 citizens in that area. My in-laws have a lovely cabin and acreage near Carrollton, Georgia they have offered for a meeting/naming ceremony if there is interest, so please write or call if that is of interest to you!

The Legislature's next meeting will focus on budget matters; I will update my Web site with information about the meeting once it has occurred.

The final note with which I've promised to always end my column -- and I know ending this way makes me may sound like a broken record (now there's a dated expression!) -- but, please, send me your contact details and those of your family members, if they authorize you to provide them to me. Building community is an e-

mail by e-mail endeavor. Please make sure you are included!

A couple of folks called me right before the July open house and left messages saying they would have loved to attend but didn't get the mailed postcard invitation in time to plan for the event. I had e-mailed the invitation information weeks before the postcards made their way to the East Coast. Avoid missing out in the future by sending me your e-mail address today. And if you are one of the folks that called and are reading this, please call back and give

me your name and phone number and mail (e-mail or otherwise) address. I would like to speak with you and am sorry you missed our July get-together.

Thank you for the honor of representing you.

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## District #3 - Robert Whistler

Bozho, Fellow Texans,

August was a very rewarding month! Two wonderful events took place. We participated in the Native Indian Intertribal Urban Center function in Dallas on August 19, 2009. CPN helped support their effort to get school supplies for many of our fellow bothers and sisters children who will start a new school term in the coming days.

Second, my wife and I were able to join roughly 30 others on the bus trip to Mayetta, Kansas to attend this year's Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations, hosted by the Prairie Band Nation. En route, we visited the Sugar Creek Mission and the Payola Miami Museum, both of which are in Kansas. I will cover those two stops in my next editorial.

The Prairie Band Nation is a little smaller than CPN on a comparative basis. However, they have a very wonderful set of facilities on their trust acreage. In addition to their tribal grounds, where most of the activities were held, they have a beautiful hotel adjacent to their casino with a variety of gambling options, an upscale restaurant, great buffet, and a nice set of meeting rooms, several of which were used for the language conference, youth conference, and an art exhibit. Their health facility and administrative areas are separate from the two areas where we spent the majority of our time.

Reps. Theresa Adame, Eva Marie Carney, Roy Slavin, and I joined the language group on Friday. An extremely talented group of "speakers" from several of the other Nations gave us lessons on the language. On Saturday evening in support of learning our language, the Wasauksing First Nation of Parry Sound, Ontario, Canada gave out lexicons at The Giveaway.

The Prairie Band offered an excellent



variety of food for our stay. Breakfast consisted of eggs, meats, cereal, bread, fruit, and juices along with milk, coffee, and tea. For lunch, we had sandwiches and soup, again with fruit, juices, coffee, tea, and milk. For the evening meal, it was always a hot item. Saturday evening the entrée included bison, which came from several of their herd.

On this trip I was able to get within about 25 feet of one large male who was securely behind barbed-wire fencing. On rides between the tribal grounds and the hotel/casino, we saw their Bison herd several times.



In addition to the language and youth



information sessions, there were classes on several type of beading, hand/finger-weaving, and ribbon work. I was able to get to two of the beading classes, and have a great deal of respect for the time and skill involved in this craft.

Grand entries and dancing were held on both Friday and Saturday evening. Several pictures of our CPN members in attendance along with a couple of others follow:



*Cathy Wamego, Margaret Zientek, and Theresa Talbot of the CPN*



*Al Nocktonick, CPN member, Holton, Kansas*



*George Adamietz and Peggy Kinder*



*Grand Entry*

As you can see, many members of the seven Potawatomi Nations had representation in the arena dancing and their regalia are varied and beautiful. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation will host the 2010 Gathering. I look forward to seeing many of you there, in the arena in your regalia.

In closing for this month, I am looking for volunteers to help at classes here in Bedford in January 2010. The plan is for beading and ribbon work class. If you would like to give us a hand, please let me know.

At the same time, if we have requests, a Naming ceremony will also be held. And finally, if the southern Texas area would like for a session to be held there, say in Houston or Corpus Christi, drop me an e-mail.

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## District #4 - Theresa Adame

Dear Citizens,

It has been a busy summer. I want to start by thanking the staff from Shawnee who traveled with the bus to the Gathering in Kansas. I tried to make you feel as welcome in Kansas as you make me feel when I visit Oklahoma. The Prairie Band was a very gracious host, and I enjoyed my first Gathering. As always, the best part was meeting more citizens and meeting Potawatomi leaders from all the Nations.

I was very proud of our Nation when I sat in on the economic conference on Wednesday. The elected officers of all the Nations came together to discuss enterprises that the tribes might work on together. Most of the morning was spent in learning from a presentation about our Citizen Potawatomi Nation enterprises. The focus was on our bank and grocery store. We also heard a presentation from the First Nation on their prescription drug program. They use the advantage of their reservation being divided down the middle, with half in the U.S. and half in Canada, to be a distributor to tribes in the U.S. This was a great way for me, as a new legislator, to learn how the Potawatomi governments work.

I sat in on the language conference, where the CPN Language Program's Justin Neely and Don Perrot were presenters. Both did a great job representing our tribe. We were also well-represented in the dance contest, but I don't want to list names, as I am sure I will leave someone out.

Most of my time at Gathering was spent in the youth conference. The first morning featured a panel of tribal leaders from each tribe. The attendees could ask questions. The afternoon session focused on budgeting and preparation for college.



There was also a chance for participants to write a resume. The 14 youth with the best resumes then got to be in a fashion show "Dressed for Success." The afternoon ended with a hypnotist who had both young and old laughing.

Rep. Roy Slavin and I are working on an event together, scheduled for September 26, 2009 in Neodesha, Kansas. I do not have all the details yet, but if you are interested in participating, please contact me.

The chamber of commerce is still in the planning stages, but they are providing us with a space during the day so we can be available to talk to citizens who are able to attend. They are also looking for a drum, vendors, etc.

If you would like to be added to my e-mail list, send me an e-mail to [tadame@potawatomi.org](mailto:tadame@potawatomi.org). This is the best way to remain informed of events going on in Kansas.

Megwetch,  
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## District #5 - Gene Lambert

District #5 Members,

I have been listening to all the stories about the trip to the Gathering earlier this month. It is an awesome experience, I know, as I have gone in the past. My schedule did not allow me to travel this year. Luckily, the others have shared their experiences and you can feel as if you had attended.

My thoughts today go to the way we treat our friends and family. The things we do and say to others that you can never take back, reword, or re-live. The impressions left on the hearts somehow seem to be the last we consider and we respond without any thought that there may not be a tomorrow.

We take for granted that our spouses, parents, grandparents, or children know how we really feel inside. We assume that they do not need to be told "I love you." After all, they know how I feel, you think. Do they?

Imagine for a minute the original families that went through so much as they traveled across this land to find a place to call home. Having only the thought of keeping the family members alive and together, their inspiration had to be the vision of a better future. Did they wonder if there would be a tomorrow?

What did we learn from this as a person, family, or nation? Together we are strong and have a wonderful foundation. Separate



us, and we are weak.

Our value as a group is endless. Each of you is a part. No single person is more valuable than the other. Each piece of the puzzle brings together the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

What if we woke up tomorrow and it was not there?

I guess the point here, in case you are wondering, is that we always think there will be a tomorrow and that what we need and want to do can wait.

It can't.

Thus the saying: "Live today as if there will be no tomorrow, and plan as if you will live forever."

Migwetch,  
Gene Lambert  
Rep., District #5

## District #6 - Ron Goyer

Bozho Nikanek,

I hope this submission finds you and your families doing well. Our region continues to offer classes free of charge in the following subjects:

- Language
- Culture
- GED Prep
- Introduction to Tribal Gaming
- History of Tribal Gaming
- Gaming Theory
- Gaming Law
- Resume Development

If you are interested in these topics, please contact me at 760-617-1597 or by e-mail at [ron\\_goyer@hotmail.com](mailto:ron_goyer@hotmail.com) to set up an appointment. We look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Fall is approaching, and it is time for the Second Annual Fall Feast. Last year's feast



had a large number of people in attendance. I hope that this event continues to bring in an even larger number of Potawatomis, local tribal members, and local governmental community leaders.

We hope to continue this local regional tradition that gives everyone in attendance a time to be together, to enjoy good food and good company.

On Saturday, November 21, 2009, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., I am honored to host our next event for Legislative District #6. Please join us for our second annual "Fall Feast." The following will be provided: turkey, rolls, and an assortment of pies. In accordance with Potawatomi tradition, we are asking that side dishes such as vegetables, potatoes, cranberry sauce, etc. (or

any of your family traditional dishes) be provided pot-luck style. Please RSVP for the event via phone at 760-617-1597 or e-mail at [ron\\_goyer@hotmail.com](mailto:ron_goyer@hotmail.com). We look forward to seeing you and your families at the event!

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for the event please don't hesitate to contact us.

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## District #8 - Dave Carney

Bozho from District #8,

On a recent Tuesday night, I was driving home from a football practice for Luke, my 10-year-old son, when my cell phone rang. It was a call from the 405 area code. Initially, I hesitated in answering it. When I did answer, I learned it was news of the run-off election results. Did I really want to know what the results were? What was the end result of more than 10 months of campaigning?

I had won the election by a thin margin. I want to thank Patrick Shannon for a race well run, as well as the other candidates whom I faced in June. I hope to meet them in the future, hear their ideas, and be able to call upon them for assistance in the weeks and months ahead.

In September, I am hitting the ground running - getting right to work - for the members of District #8 and the Nation. I am redesigning my Web site with the help of my oldest son, Nick. We are transforming it from a campaign site to a site that will be a resource for the 2,000 CPN members living in Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska.

I truly believe that not everyone understands or is aware of all of the great strides that have been made over the last 10 years and all of the benefits that are currently available to us out in the districts. Please check out [www.dave-carney.com](http://www.dave-carney.com) for information and for downloading the forms needed to access health aids, burial insurance, and other valuable benefits to which you are entitled.

I will be spending several days in Shawnee in the middle of the month. The legislature will be meeting with the primary objective of working with and approving the budget for the upcoming fis-



cal year. I will be attending this meeting in person rather than through the internet. This will be a great honor for me, and I want to thank you for your votes, support, and the opportunity to represent you!

Lastly, I will be opening an office in Olympia, Washington and have an open house planned for Sunday, September 27, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. On my Web site, I will have detailed information about the event and the office location. There will be lots of food, pop, a door prize, and hopefully, the most important ingredient: Potawatomis! Please send me an e-mail or call me to RSVP: [dncarney@juno.com](mailto:dncarney@juno.com) or 360-259-4027. Children, wise elders, and everyone else is welcome. I look forward to meeting you.

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Dave Carney/Kagakshi  
Legislator, District #8  
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## District #9 - Paul Wesselhöft

Friends,

I recently became a free member of Facebook, an interactive, social-networking Web site accessible to all. I have become interactive friends to many Potawatomis throughout not only the United States but also the whole world!

On Facebook, I submitted a few essays pertaining to Potawatomis. The numerous responses, for the most part, were well thought-out, insightful, and actually helpful in revising and improving my essays.

Facebook can be a tremendous networking source for our Nation. There are more than 400 members on a site within Facebook called "Citizen Potawatomis Nation."

I invite you to join this organization and get connected with fellow Potawatomis. I invite you to join, and ask to be my Facebook friend. If you do, I will confirm you as my Facebook friend and through our typed conversations, we will, indeed, become friends! I will share with you a number of essays, poems, articles, bills, resolutions, and ideas that will increase our unity and progress as a tribal nation.

Below is an example of how I changed and improved an essay that I will publish in a number of sources. It is a much better document because of you - thanks!

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**The Triumph of a Tribe: Manifesto  
 by Rep. Paul Wesselhöft/Citizen  
 Potawatomis Nation**

**Bullets trumped arrows. We lost.**

Colonial imperialists clearing out the tall timber could no longer dwell near existing native villages. Eventually, one had to die a deliberate death, neither the Pilgrim nor the Puritan. Many native to the land had to learn a new prayer and cut their hair or remain lost in a new world.

European immigrants, pressing westward, found the frontier inhospitable, fearing the native "savage." One had to die a deliberate death, not the military nor the mountaineer, neither the public nor the pioneer. Long knives grinned sharper, pierced deeper than tomahawks.

Manifest Destiny proved a more lethal doctrine than aboriginal rights, sacrosanct land and inherent sovereignty. Gifts of gin and imbibes of brandy, along with the white forked tongue, proved a more seductive taste than maze and peaceful pipes of



tobacco.

Racist palefaces and their uninked policy of genocide rolled with many white wagons across rolling prairies. Bison and those dependent on the buffalo were targeted for extinction. Bleached bones of beasts and man strewed the land.

Parchments, inked with broken treaties, were bartered for pressured concessions, quick-fix assurances, and enforced acculturation.

Lives and land were lost, lessons learned, dreams dashed, memories memorialized, remnants of a past, a place - ours.

However, they are a past, not to be forgotten, but a past and a place no longer suitable or salutary to dwell on, and certainly not a past or place to wallow.

**Character trumped contempt. We won.**

Because we survive, actually thrive and labor for a lustrous future, because we reinvigorated a vibrant culture and revitalized an old tongue out of desolation, because we constituted elective government out of disorder and despair, because we forged a practical sovereignty out of paternalistic dependence, and because we built a superior nation out of an inferior allotment, we won.

Officially, you called me to be a nation-builder yet you too, my native brothers and sisters, are nation-builders. We all must be nation-builders, creating a nationhood and a nationality that is both sovereignly separate from, and peacefully part of, the host nation.

We must rebuild a nation from a cata-

strophic loss of natural resources into a perpetual state of prosperity. We rebuild for our family, our children, and our children's children. We rebuild upon the scattered aches and aspirations of an indigenous nation and for the triumph of a tribe.

Our skin is dark, light, or white. Our eyes are brown, green, or blue. We are Indian. We are the native Americans.

## District #10 - David Barrett

Bozho,

The flu season is on us again. What are some of the questions we as individuals want to know to best prevent or at least reduce the risk of getting real sick with the common flu or the H1N1 flu this year. If you listen to the media you will get mixed messages from "stay at home if you run a fever" to "don't go to work if you have a fever," - and more.

How do we know when to go to work or stay home? The media is stating that hospitals across the country are establishing different strategies for receiving flu patients. These range from regular patients coming to triage by setting up different locations than those for patients with other-than-flu symptoms to keep the contamination and exposure rate down.

As for me, I'll try to put in place some common-sense practices that we have gotten away from:

(1) Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and teach your children to do likewise; throw the tissue in the trash every time you use one; if you are caught without a tissue, cover your mouth with your hand or cough into your arm pit, preferably, versus your hand; and avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth because germs spread this way.

(2) Wash your hands often with antibacterial soap and water; wash your hands more thoroughly than in the past; wash your hands as though you were going into surgery. This procedure involves washing your hands above the wrist, between the fingers, and under the fingernails. This practice needs to be demonstrated to your children by assisting them with your guidance with their hands to ensure they are doing it properly.

(3) Stay home if you get sick because the Centers for Disease Control recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

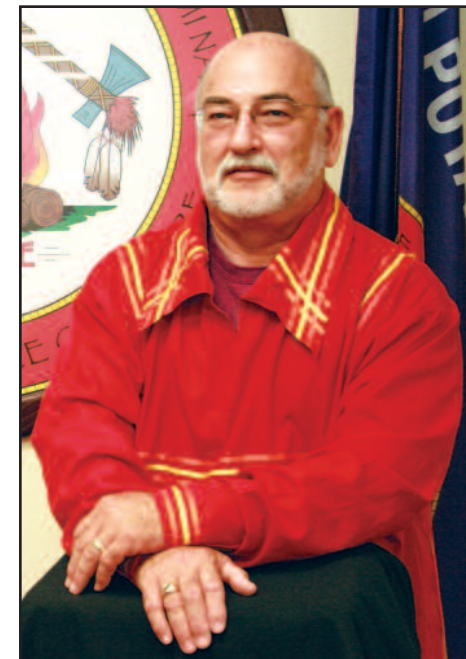
So - stand straight; be brave; preach pride. We are tribe. We are Citizens of the Potawatomi Nation!

Migwetch,

Paul Wesselhöft

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(4) Follow Public Health Advice regarding school closures, avoiding crowds, and taking other social-distancing measures.

It is recommended that everyone should get his regular flu shot as soon as possible. The seasonal flu vaccine is not expected to protect against the 2009 H1N1 flu, commonly known as 'Swine Flu.'

In the past, seasonal flu vaccine has contained an H1N1 component. That might be a partial explanation of the fact that older people in good health have experienced a lower H1N1 infection rate than other age groups. However, this has not been scientifically proven.

There are two varieties of H1N1 flu. Scientists say the 2009 version is different from the variety protected against through the seasonal flu vaccine administered in 2008 and that is being administered this year. Thus, all who are at risk should receive both the 2009 seasonal flu vaccine and the 2009 H1N1 vaccine.

Regardless, we have many deaths from the seasonal flu, a fact that warrants everyone's taking seasonal flu shots.



Vaccines are the most powerful public health tool for control of influenza. The 2009 H1N1 vaccine will be available in the fall. It is anticipated that seasonal flu and 2009 H1N1 vaccines will be able to be administered on the same day. However, the seasonal flu vaccine is available now. Our CPN clinic has been administering the seasonal flu shot since the beginning of September. I don't like needles, but my wife and I have already received our seasonal flu shots.

CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has recommended that certain groups of the population receive the 2009 H1N1 vaccine when it first becomes available. These target

groups include pregnant women, people who live with or care for children younger than 6 months old, healthcare and emergency medical services personnel, persons between the ages of 6 months and 24 years old, and people 25 through 64 years old who are at higher risk for 2009 H1N1 because of chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems.

We have all become lax about prevention when we tell ourselves, "What if I do get sick? I'll just go to the doctor and get medicine." We need to change this pattern in our lifestyle.

Megwetch,  
David Barrett/Mnedobe  
Legislator, District #10

information about how you can apply for a minority fellowship at OSU or OU.

Also check into the National Institute of Health's Loan Repayment Program ([www.lrp.nih.gov](http://www.lrp.nih.gov)). From September 1 through December 1, 2009, this federal program is accepting applications from outstanding health professionals to pursue careers in biomedical, behavioral, social, and clinical research. If you commit at least two years to conducting qualified research, NIH might repay up to \$35,000 of your qualified student loan debt per year, including most undergraduate, graduate, and medical school loans. Loan

repayment benefits are in addition to the institutional salary you receive for your research. For a copy of the solicitation, visit <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-107.html>.

To learn about ways the tribe can assist you with educational scholarships, please e-mail Tribal Rolls Director Charles Clark at [CClark@Potawatomi.org](mailto:CClark@Potawatomi.org).

As always, I am thinking Potawatomi.  
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## District #11 - Lisa Kraft

In an effort to train the next wave of scientists, the National Science Foundation (NSF), an independent Federal agency, is offering a competitive grant program that will pay an individual a salary as he works toward a research-based master's or doctoral degree. Regardless of age, this federal request for proposals is for students just starting their graduate education or starting a new one.

**National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)** proposals are due on November 2, 2009 for those in interdisciplinary studies, math, engineering, computer science, social sciences, life, biological, and geosciences. They are due on November 12, 2009 for chemistry, physics, astronomy, and engineering students. *The NSF expects to award 1,654 applicants up to \$30,000-a-year each for three years.* The university where the graduate student is enrolled receives \$10,500 per year for tuition costs. The university then absorbs the tuition costs in excess of the \$10,500 for the three-to-five years while the fellow completes a degree.

I could write all day about the merits of this opportunity: To receive a salary and have tuition waived while obtaining a graduate degree would be a dream come true. As a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, you already have a leg up in this competition. Wow! If you have ever wanted that master's or Ph.D., here is the perfect incentive. The competition will be tough, but the rewards are worth the time to write the proposal and get your letters of recommendation submitted.

Go to [www.nsf.gov](http://www.nsf.gov) and search the



active funding opportunities for GRFP (solicitation NSF 09-603). You must have a bachelor's degree prior to the fall of 2010 and great grades. Awards will be made in March 2010, so you must expect to enter into a graduate program by summer or fall of 2010. If you want to talk about an application and how to submit on Fastlane, please e-mail me.

I've been meaning to write about a very special tribal member I met a few months back. She also works in grants. Kay Porter is the Program Manager at Oklahoma State University (OSU) for the Bridge to the Doctorate Program. This program is also impressive, and is based right here in Oklahoma. Kay works with her counterpart at the University of Oklahoma (OU) to help minority students obtain their doctoral degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Please contact Kay at [Kay.Porter@okstate.edu](mailto:Kay.Porter@okstate.edu) for

## District #12 - Paul Schmidlkofer

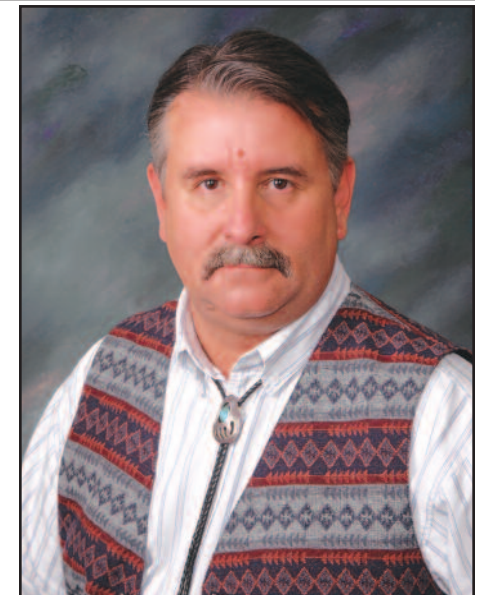
Bozho, nikan!

We will soon be starting the budget process in the legislature. It's one of those yearly things where we look over all the budgets for all of the departments within the Nation. It is during this time that I often reflect on how far this tribe has come. Each year we hear about new enterprises that we are either starting or considering.

But, during budget review, we are reminded how far we have come. Growing up just down the road from the Nation's headquarters, I have been able to watch the growth over the years. Any onlooker can see we have made great progress over the past 20-or-more years. But, when we start looking at the budgets and all the businesses and programs we now have, you get to start appreciating what has happened.

Know that we legislators, as well as the executive branch, keep a watchful eye on these businesses and programs and their budgets. The current administration has done an exceptional job of stretching the dollars over the years. I have been privy to this process now for several years. I can tell you that they watch over our Nation very well and take this very seriously.

Well, I've been battling a small health issue the past few days. I had an inner ear problem. My mother-in-law has dealt with



this condition for many years. She now has my sympathy. As I age, it seems I continue to increase in my appreciation for the elders who walk these footsteps before me and the battles they fought.

I hope this issue of the *HowNiKan* finds each of you in good health and that prosperity comes your way. As always, it has been an honor to serve you.

Megwetch!  
Paul Schmidlkofer  
Representative, District #12





## District #13- Bobbie Bowden

Bozho,

At my house, we are getting into full swing of the school year, as are most of you with children. My son Bryce is in the 5th grade at Nicoma Park Intermediate School. His first school project was to make a 3D artifact from a Native American culture. We chose to make a replica of a birch bark wigwam that the Potawatomi lived in during the 1700s



It was a great experience to share and learn about this part of our history along with my son and my father. (A special thanks to my dad for all of your help! You are an amazing grandpa!)

We were able to find the information on the Nation's Web site at [www.Potawatomi.org](http://www.Potawatomi.org), along with seeing the replica at the Cultural Heritage Center.



We are truly blessed to have such dedicated and knowledgeable people to provide us this information to pass along to future generations.

I would like to encourage all of you to visit the Web site and the Heritage Center. And, please share this experience with your children.

As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve you. I will continue to do my best to serve you well.

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## Vice Chairman Linda Capps

Bozho, Nikan,

The Oklahoma rains have brought a beautiful, green, end-of-summer to the Nation. We are blessed to have such a picturesque landscape this late in the season. Usually by this time of year, we find the land parched from a long, hot summer. I applaud the various crews who work diligently each day to maintain the facilities, grounds, and parking lots. As the Nation continues to grow with additional physical structures and land base, the task of rendering a polished, manicured appearance is enormous.

Our directors have worked very hard this year to manage their budgets for the new fiscal year in anticipation of an economy that is not clear-cut. Planning for the October 2009 through September 2010 budget is a bit easier for those who manage governmental programs than for the man-

agers who must plan for the enterprises and internal services. Most of our government program managers know by now how much funding they will have for FY 2010. That is not true for those directors and managers who are dependent on forthcoming revenue.

By the time this *HowNiKan* reaches you readers, our legislators will have approved a new budget, which will, no doubt, exceed last year's figure of nearly \$215 million. A lot of work has been done in preparing the budgets by directors, managers, and accounting staff members. A budget team led by Accounting and Self-Governance staff members has put in long hours to compile the budget. In addition, the Executive team has reviewed and finalized the budget package, sending it forward for approval and/or change by the legislators. The whole process is difficult

and challenging, but very rewarding.

On another topic, as of July 29, the CPN Cultural Heritage Center has a new director, Karen Whitecotton Phillips. Karen is a proud descendant of the Toupin family and a former employee of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, where she worked for Bob Trousdale in the Tribal Heritage history project and the planning stages of our new Cultural Heritage Center. She has a degree in History and Museum Studies from the University of Central Oklahoma, which landed her a previous position with the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center, Oklahoma City.

Karen's father, David Whitecotton, is a former elected official of the Nation. Karen is already working on new ideas to preserve and display the history of our tribal families. Congratulations to her for coming home to work for her tribe!

Speaking of the Cultural Heritage Center, I believe there is a hidden treasure at the gift shop that many of you might have forgotten. The family banners are now framed and ready to hang in your favorite spot at home or place of work. They are beautifully framed with a dark



fruit wood finish. The cost is \$60 ... a very conservative price. I recently purchased one for my home, and now my children are hinting that they would like to have one also. Well, in the scheme of things, Christmas is not far away.

As usual, I cherish the opportunity to serve as your Vice Chairman.

Megwetch,  
Linda Capps



*FireLake Gifts manager Penny Coates displays two of the framed family banners that are available at the gift shop for \$60 each.*



## Chairman John Barrett

Bozho, Nikan,

May I again express my gratitude to each of you for the honor of being re-elected to my seventh term of office as Tribal Chairman? In the next few weeks, we will be determining our 2010 annual budget. The challenge is a balance between what we want to do for our people and what we can afford. With God's help and the able contributions of my fellow members of the Executive Branch and the foresight of our Tribal Legislature, we will continue to do the best we can do. I ask for your prayers, advice, and support in this difficult time.

It is a trying time in our entire country, which spills over onto our Tribe, in spite of what we do to prevent it. We have weathered the storm in pretty good shape, but we do not know if the storm is clearing. That's the big question, is the "crash" over?

In United States history, almost every "crash" in the economy was triggered by acts of greed by a few and was prolonged by fearfulness in the public many. History repeats itself. People begin to save when business needs spending. Banks make credit hard to get when loans are necessary for businesses to survive. Wealth begins to concentrate in fewer and fewer people as the money supply shrinks. The rich got richer and the poor got poorer. Historically, the hard times end when an external crisis, like war or the threat of loss of a vital resource, diverts attention away from fear and focuses it on a common goal.

In the present, President Barack Obama is trying to focus national attention on so many targets - health care reform, alternative energy, banking abuses, stock market fraud, and two wars in Iraq and Afghanistan - that the people cannot focus on one big thing. Fear remains, and people will keep losing jobs and less money will get into the economy.

I hope and pray he is successful in turning things around. But first, he has to get the country focused on a common purpose. He has many obstacles. Some are old and some are new. Racism and religious intolerance are as old as mankind. But "a flood of disinformation" into a society numbed to uncivil conduct is something entirely new. The "flood" even reaches the United States Congress.

No other President since before the civil war, when a Member of Congress attacked



another on the Senate floor with a cane and beat him bloody and senseless, has seen such a loss of Congressional courtesy and decorum. Our highest legislative body, the United States Congress, has lost its civility and ability to keep order to the back room power brokers, to the "spin merchants," and to mechanics of hate and partisanship born of modern campaign politics.

This dreck used to leave town when the election was over. With the advent of men like Karl Rove, now the campaign, with its inflammatory rhetoric, is officially never over, and never sinks too low. Even in this fearful and uncertain time, as we teeter on the brink of international financial disaster and when the most important ingredient for our survival is public confidence, the hate mongers keep up the din of dissent and the drumbeat of fear.

The information revolution - the internet, cable, television, and personal communications devices like Blackberry and iPhone - have made it possible to instantly flood the world with disinformation or what some ultra-conservative Australian billionaire who owns most of the United States' media thinks is newsworthy. This propaganda machine is pumping a steady stream of slanted stories, half-truths, and even lies into our fantasy world of televised violence, tasteless entertainment, and pandering posing as reporting on the news, leaving us all either numb or fearful or angry. How about a New York Post cartoon portraying President Obama as a berserk chimpanzee about to be shot? Who do we believe?

A Member of Congress recently shouted

out "You lie!" at the President during his address to Congress, a breach of the rules of etiquette and civility in that chamber that is as old as our country. When the President recently announced he was going to address schoolchildren in a speech, as every President of United States has done for six decades, he was denounced and derided and the press published stories that certain people were going to keep their children out of school that day. The rule of reason has gone away. I don't agree with everything the President is proposing, but I know nothing can come of this chaos except anarchy.

I cannot help but recall the old days of our "General Council" form of tribal government when a small minority of people, less than 30 but still a "majority" in General Council, could physically disrupt our meetings to the point of paralysis - and often did. We fixed that in our constitution by including more people in the electorate, and by empowering each branch of government with separate authority to "balance" governmental power with a "division of powers." The United States Constitution provided that model. What has happened to that model in the present reality of the U.S. government is something we should all watch with careful attention to avoid the same pitfalls.

Things have gone awry. The U.S. Supreme Court is making decisions that completely change the meaning of laws passed by Congress, upsetting the "balance of powers." The Congress has created Agencies and Commissions and Regulatory Bodies staffed with unremoveable civil service employees who daily usurp the power of the President to run the government, notably in our case, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service, Department of Justice, U.S. Treasury, and many others.

Past Presidents have refused to enforce laws passed by Congress to protect the people from monopoly greed and avarice, like the anti-trust laws and securities regulations. The entire present financial crisis came from a lack of enforcement of the regulatory powers of Congress: bogus home mortgages, and the open pillaging of stockholders' equity in publicly held companies, especially banks and stock-brokers (now one and the same), by paying many thousands of people huge multimillion dollar salaries and bonuses while the company seeks bankruptcy protection and fed-

eral "bailout" money.

This is unlawful. It ignores the authority of Congress - and caused the theft of a big piece of our hard-earned retirement and personal investments by unrestrained stock market "short-sellers." Add into this dysfunction the general loss of civility and climate of fear in the public mind, and President Obama's "big issue" to end the crash seems clear. But as he said in his school address to the kids, each of us has a personal responsibility to make a difference.

I believe the path to a better day starts with each of us. If each Citizen Potawatomi Indian, each day, simply chooses to obey the law, turn off any television show that is offensive, vote against a mudslinging politician, walk away from the inflammatory preacher or teacher, change the subject when someone is being put down, and be polite to everyone we meet, we can change the world around us.

Then let's go the HUGE extra step - go positive. Help the lawman, turn on the show that is decent, vote for a good guy, find a new preacher/teacher, speak well about someone every time you can, and thank someone for his courtesy. That's my "New-Term Resolution" for the next four years.

We all need a return to civility, a return to a time when being polite and respectful to others, especially fellow members of a governing body, was a virtue, and speaking ill of another reflected poorly on the speaker. That is the Indian way, and is truly Potawatomi tradition. We need statesmen, not politicians, and public servants not "civil servants." We need our governments - tribal, state, and national - to create and enforce a code of conduct that favors order, fairness, and the polite exchange of ideas and information. Congress needs this, our Tribe needs this, the several states need this, and in fact, every body created to govern people needs this.

Wouldn't the world be a better place if we dealt with each other that way, as well?

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John Barrett/Keweoge





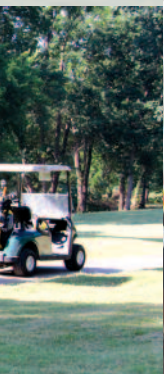
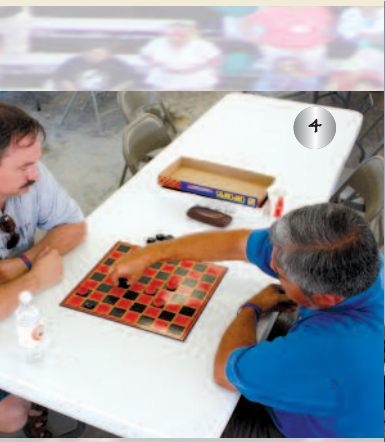
# Family Reunion



*The HowNiKan photography team at Festival 2009 included Michael Dodson, Nathan McKay, Charles Meloy, Gus Porter, Jennifer Randell, Dane Smart, Bree Dunham, Meredith Everett, Jay Pollard, Jason Brittain, Liza Arceta, Chandra Taylor, and Austin Burnett. Enjoy much more of their work in the upcoming HowNiKan.*



# Family Festival 2009



1) Chairman John Barrett leads a Naming Ceremony that was just one of many cultural activities available during Family Reunion Festival 2009.

2) Inside the wigwam in the Cultural Heritage Center's diorama was a nice place for a break from the sometimes-hecktic pace of Festival.

3) FireLake Gifts manager Penny Coates and her father Tom Post seem to be thoroughly enjoying the activities.

4) Wonder if that killer move won Victor Cope (in blue shirt) this game in the checkers tournament?

5) The form looks good, but we'll never know if this warm-up shot found the bottom of the basket as these young men prepare for 3-on-3 basketball tournament action.

6) As in years past, the archery competition was both intense and very popular.

7) It was time for making some beautiful music after constructing these flutes in the flute-making class.

8) Dennis Hoy earned third place in the CPN Art Contest with his painting of the pensive young boy at a pow. Hoy also painted the portrait of a dancing Leslie Deer, who works in the CPN Job Pride Department. The boy at the pow wow wears a headband with the surname Grimmert on it. The photo of him that was the model for this painting was shot at the CPN pow wow in October 2004. If anyone knows him, please contact the CPN Public Information Department.

9) Another of Lester Hash's amazing miniature buildings gets a thorough examination prior to the art contest.

10) Looks like it's time to absorb some family history while viewing a Tribal Heritage Project-produced video.

11) It wasn't long before this dough was transformed into some delicious frybread.

12) The weather wizard smiled on Saturday morning's annual Festival golf tournament.

13) Even while you're preparing them, the thought of tasty frybread makes one smile -- broadly.

14) Former CPN Business Committee member Beverly Hughes grabbed a moment to pose with current CPN Legislator Paul Schmidtkofer.



# Family Reunion





# Festival 2009



1) Competition was intense in the 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

2) Kyler Kammako & Leanne Morris create a Potawatomi tune on their flutes.

3) Late Saturday afternoon provided ideal weather for the Gourd Dancing.

4) CPN Dist. #11 Rep. Lisa Kraft enjoyed Saturday evening's Pow Wow Dance.

5) CPN Dist. #12 Rep. Paul Schmidlkofer keeps an eagle eye peeled as a Hand Games judge.

6) From left, Reps. Paul Schmidlkofer, Roy Slavin, Bobbie Bowden, Gene Lambert, Theresa Adame, and Eva Marie Carney join Vice Chairman Linda Capps and Chairman John Barrett in the Pow Wow Dance Grand Entry.

7) Wellness Center Director Leslie Cooper welcomed Eileen and Joe David Melot to the center's open house.

8) The twirly-bird and all the other midway attractions were again popular with Potawatomis of all ages.

9) CPN member Michael Kennedy participated in the Potawatomi language instruction, just one of a number of cultural activities available during the Festival.

10) The CPN lacrosse team has become extremely popular and hosted a pickup/demonstration game.

11) The Sacred Heart church remains beautiful and colorful these many years later.

12) These Bergerons gathered in the pow wow grounds bleachers to smile for a photo that was turned into a poster by FireLake Designs. FLD and the Public Information Office invite Festival 2010's honored families to organize such photo sittings for Saturday morning for posters, T-shirts, and maybe, a computer mouse pad!



Tribal Area Gathering - Arlin





# ington, Virginia ~ May 2, 2009



1. The Wisest Potawatomi member present, Mr. Richard Nourie, 88 years old and from Silver Springs, Maryland, is a descendant of the Bourassa family. It was a pleasure for Chairman Barrett to present Mr. Nourie a Pendleton blanket.

2. Three Legislators were in attendance at the meeting. Roy Slavin of District #1, Theresa Adame of District #4, and Eva Marie Carney of District #2.

3. The youngest enrolled tribal member present was Eleanor Yvonne Javins, four weeks old, She is shown with her mother Kathryn and Chairman John Barrett. The Javinses are descendants of the Pettifer family.

4. Fred Clark, with his son Micah and wife Cindy of Silver Spring, Maryland, poses after the meeting. Fred and Micah are descendants of the Burns/Navarre families.

5. Amanda Klein, with daughter Ella and fiancé Michael, poses for a picture. The Kleins are descendants of the Tescier family

6. Dale and Sue Wagner of Lake Monticello, Virginia pose with daughter Amy Hones of Waldorf, Maryland. Sue and Amy are descendants of the Julia Anderson family.

7. Daniel and Kathy Francoeur traveled from Syracuse, New York and won the prize for the longest distance traveled. Daniel's heritage name, Francoeur, is listed on both the 1887 and 1937 tribal rolls. Seated at their table is Tyler Pearce of Rochester, New York. The Pearce name also appears on the 1887 and 1937 tribal rolls.

8. Steven Klein holds his granddaughter while she is napping. Steve had several grandchildren and two of his three daughters present at the meeting. A descendant of the Tescier family, Steven lives in West Lawn, Pennsylvania.

9. James Scarborough, Jodi Lewis, and Jodi's grandson stand in line for their picture IDs as Caralee Dockstader, Jodi's daughter, gets her picture made. Jodi had seven of her eight daughters in attendance at the meeting plus numerous grandchildren. Jodi and her daughters are descendants of the Vieux/Tomey families. James Scarborough is a descendant of the Brant family.

10. Pam and John Murphy drove from Ft. Valley, Virginia to attend the meeting. Pam is a descendant of the Pearce family.



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to add 10 new collections to its permanent holdings. It is with this material that we can teach our young ones and future generations the cultural and historical aspects of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. We must continue collecting and preserving this material to provide visitors and scholars of the tribe an in-depth and accurate look at Potawatomi life.

Ninety percent of the archival collection is made up of materials either donated or loaned to the Cultural Heritage Center. With the Citizen Potawatomi Nation so deeply rooted in family ties, genealogical research is at the forefront of activities provided at the CHC. With this in mind, I encourage all tribal members, young and old, to donate and/or loan any cultural, historical, and genealogical material.

If you are interested in donating and/or loaning any material, please contact R. Blake Norton, Tribal Archivist at 405-878-5830 ext. 7120 or [BNorton@Potawatomi.org](mailto:BNorton@Potawatomi.org).

*FireLake Gifts  
Penny Coates, Manager*

FireLake Gifts is stocked with some great items! We're carrying more locally-made and handmade products, and we buy Potawatomi-made products whenever possible. We are THE place to get Pendleton products and fringe and beads for dance regalia.

We are having a book sale in the gift shop, and all of the current season Pendleton merchandise is nearly out of

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ber of Masonic Lake Lodge #50. Don was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. He was the third-oldest living CPN member in Kansas.

Don married Mary Jane Nicholson on November 15, 1941. She preceded him in death on October 21, 2004. Don and Mary Jane traveled extensively throughout the U.S. and Europe, and he was an avid reader of *The Wall Street Journal* and a bridge player and golfer.

Don is survived by his children, Curt and JoAnne Berkey of Rossville and Pam Berkey Sibert of Kansas City; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation was from 5:30 to 7p.m. on Sunday, September 13 at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 S.W. Urish

stock! We are offering a 10% discount to all tribal members (please have your tribal ID card at hand) on remaining current-season Pendleton apparel (shirts, jackets, etc.) The sale does NOT include blankets or accessories. The sale ends when the current stock is all sold, and it's going fast!

Christmas will be here before long, so keep an eye on our Pendleton merchandise. We'll have some great Spring 2010 merchandise just in time for holiday shopping!

We're also pleased to announce that we have a Limited Edition Pendleton Blanket: "Shared Spirits." The blanket is #87/300, meaning only 300 of these blankets were manufactured. This year is the 100th anniversary of Pendleton Mills, which makes this item even more desirable! In addition to the blanket, we have a 100th Anniversary Pendleton plaque available.

Come see these and other great finds at Firelake Gifts!

The online store is once again up and running. We look forward to being able to serve more of the CPN membership nationwide at <http://giftshop.potawatomi.org>.

FireLake Gifts is located inside the CPN Cultural Heritage Center at 1899 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, Oklahoma. Our telephone number is 405-275-3119.

**Hours of operation are:**  
**Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
**Sunday: Closed**

Rd in Topeka. A memorial service was held at 11a.m. on Monday, September 14 at the funeral home. Private inurnment followed in Rossville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Heart of America Hospice, sent in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent at [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

**Cynthia Lou Post**

**SHAWNEE, Okla.** — Shawnee resident Cynthia Lou Post died Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009, at the OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City at the age of 51.

She was born on December 31, 1957, in Shawnee, the daughter of Jim and Mary Lou (Jenks) Post. She attended Shawnee High School, graduating in 1976. She



*Don Berkey*

graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University in 1981 and from the Oklahoma University Law School.

Cynthia worked at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, where she was Assistant Director of Development, and was an Assistant District Attorney of Pottawatomie County. She also had a private law practice and was Director of United Way of Pottawatomie County, OCU Alumni Director, and OBU Assistant Alumni Director during her work career.

Cynthia Post was a member and the past president of Habitat for Humanity of Shawnee, and was a member of First Baptist Church Shawnee, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Sew and Sews, and Gamma Phi Delta. She enjoyed a European Study Tour, Oklahoma Girls State, painting, gardening, and cooking gourmet cuisine.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Walter and Gertie Post, and Carl and Arrabelle Jenks; uncles and aunts, Carlisle Jenks, Bob Stringer, and Bill and Joyce Post; and nephew John Patrick McClung.

Survivors include Ms. Post's parents,



*Cynthia Lou Post*

Jim and Mary Lou Post; three sisters, Patty Buckmaster and her husband Dennis of Springfield, Missouri, CPN FireLake Gifts manager Penny Coates and her husband Andrew of Shawnee, and Cathy Stephens of Shawnee; special friend, John Sexton of Oklahoma City; nephews, Brad and Tanner Stephens, Jeff and Krissy Buckmaster, Anna, Walker T., Jarrod and Kim Buckmaster, Kylen, Cole, Jacob and Scarlett Buckmaster, Dom, Alexis, Joey, and Vanessa Buckmaster, and Ryne, WO1 James, and MaryJo McClung; nieces, Elizabeth and Sgt. Reed Knight, Adam, Emily, and Christopher Nowlin, and Brock, Violet, Cara, and Andrea Coates; seven great-nephews; three great-nieces; and aunts Ozetta Stringer and Kay Jenks.

Family visitation was 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, August 14, 2009 at Walker Funeral Service in Shawnee. A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 15, 2009 at First Baptist Church of Shawnee with Paul Calmes officiating. Burial was at Tecumseh Cemetery. Online condolences can be sent at [www.walkerfuneral.com](http://www.walkerfuneral.com).

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